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'Negotiations with Kuwait covered specific issues'

Iraq wants durable peace, says Saddam

KUWAIT, Feb 14: Negotiations between Iraq and Kuwait during the visit of HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Kuwait, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah covered specific issues, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has said.

In an interview with the editors-in-chief of Kuwaiti newspapers, who accompanied Sheikh Saad to Iraq, Saddam said that everything has become clear now.

Saddam added: "Both sides believe that the key to solving the issue is in the hands of both Iraq and Kuwait and not in the hands of one country."

"We will settle the issue because we feel that it is a burden on our shoulders much more than it is on yours."

Victory

He said: "I am very satisfied with Sheikh Saad's visit."

Saddam said that friends should not fear Iraq after its victory in the war, rather the enemies should be afraid of the Iraqi might.

"Iraq is a peaceful nation and is reluctant to use force whenever this is avoidable. Iraq will support all its brothers and if something good happens to Iraq it will be for all Arabs also."

But Saddam added that after Iraq's victory in Faw, the aid given by some countries shrunk greatly.

He said: "I do not know why."

Without meeting the highest authorities in these countries I cannot give any explanation."

On the delay in the completion of a Gulf peace agreement Saddam said: "We want peace on a durable basis. So we prefer peace based with an agreement."

Saddam did not rule out an Israeli aggression against Iraq. He said that Israel might even instigate Iran to resume the Gulf war. But, he said Iraq's capability will certainly stop Israel from "carrying out its designs."

On democracy in Iraq, Saddam said that this country already practices some form of democracy. "For example," he said "The National Council elections were held in 1980 despite the eruption of the war."

He said that Iraq has studied ways to implement multi-party system. He added: "Though the majority of top party officials did not agree with the multi-party system, I announced that we have adopted it, because I realised that our party gets new blood."

Imitating

He warned that by blindly imitating the West, Third World countries may jeopardise their future and "banned dictatorships may be the result of chaos."

He added: "We in Iraq consider ourselves successful, particularly in our economic policy which is very clear and comprehensive."

Call on Israel to join peace conference

UNITED NATIONS, Feb 14, (Agencies): Islamic nations called on Israel yesterday to abandon its crackdown on the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories and to enter Middle East peace talks.

The appeals by Kuwait, Yemen, Malaysia, Bahrain, and Pakistan came during Security Council debate on Israel's practices in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Ethiopia and Zimbabwe echoed their sentiments.

In the Security Council, Malaysian UN Ambassador Razali Ismail noted that in recent months the PLO's Palestine National Council had declared a national state and accepted UN resolutions recognising Israel's right to exist in peace.

Bullets

"Killing and maiming children with rubber bullets, and razing houses with bulldozers have so far been Israel's matching response," he said.

"Must Israel continue to be prisoners of the past, harping on Judea and Samaria, unwilling to open their hearts and minds to peace and reconciliation?" Razali said.

Yemen's Ambassador Mohammad Abdulaziz Sallam said, "The Jewish people suffered grievously at the hands of the Nazi torturers, but that does not exonerate them from the neo-Nazi practices they now engage in with respect to the Palestinians."

On Friday, Israeli Ambassador Johanan Bein said the rock-throwing Palestinians were not mere protesters, but had killed a pregnant woman, children on school buses and innocent vacationers during the uprising.

Attempting

The PLO has been attempting for nearly a month to draft a resolution condemning Israel's tactics, but the United States has said it will veto any "unbalanced" resolution that focuses only on Israel's practices.

The PLO's campaign was revived last week when the US State Department's annual report on human rights harshly criticised the Israeli Army for firing on protesters when troops were not in danger.



Ahmed Al Jarallah, discussing a point with Saddam.

Moderate Afghan rebel groups boycott shura

ISLAMABAD, Feb 14, (Agencies): Afghan rebel leaders today convened a council intended to lead to a new government in Kabul after the Soviet withdrawal, but the meeting was boycotted by several major groups as deep divisions continued in the resistance.

A rebel spokesman said the council, known as a shura, held a two-hour inaugural session today, four days after its planned opening was postponed because of disputes over the number of seats allocated to Afghan rebel groups based in Iran.

The spokesman said the Iran-based Afghan resistance coalition boycotted today's meeting, maintaining that its counterpart in Pakistan had reneged on a power-sharing agreement between the two rebel alliances fighting the Soviet-backed government in Kabul.

Signed

Rebel sources said Sibghatullah Mojaddidi, the current chairman of the Pakistan-based alliance and moderate, and some of his followers walked out of the meeting in sympathy with the Iran-based groups.

Mojaddidi signed the accord

in Tehran on Feb 5 that gave the eight-party Iran-based coalition 100 seats in the council of more than 500. But the sources said the accord was opposed by fundamentalist leaders in the alliance.

Meanwhile, the rebels fired a salvo of rockets on Kabul today, just hours before the final Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan, and the Moscow-backed government said five people died in the attack.

Four rockets struck the city in the afternoon, one of them killing five children in a bazaar, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said. It was the first attack for several days on the capital, which is under siege from thousands of guerrillas.

Goodbye

Kabul Radio listed the dead as four children and an old man. The radio, monitored in Islamabad, said a rocket had exploded near a bakery where people were queuing to buy bread.

Hours before tomorrow's deadline for the final Soviet pullout, the last Soviet soldiers in Kabul left the capital in four Ilyushin-76 transport planes.



A boy holds a stack of nan (bread) after waiting four hours in a queue in Kabul. (Reuters wirephoto)

'Conspiracy against Islam'

Khomeini calls for execution of Rushdie

NICOSIA, Feb 14, (Reuters): Iran's spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini called today for author Salman Rushdie and his publishers to be killed for his book "The Satanic Verses."

The Iranian government condemned the book as "a dirty conspiracy" against Islam and urged Khomeini devotees throughout the world to take the necessary action against it.

The Indian-born British author said he was worried by the Iranian outburst, describing it as an escalation of a long-running campaign against the book.

Content

"The author of The Satanic Verses book which is against Islam, the Prophet and the Holy Quran, and all those involved in its publication who were aware of its content, are sentenced to death," Khomeini said in a message to the Muslim world.

"I ask all the Muslims to execute them wherever they find them," Tehran Radio quoted Khomeini as saying. He said anybody killed carrying out his order would be considered a martyr.



Rushdie

"If someone knows them (Rushdie and his publishers) but is unable to kill them, he should hand them over to the people for punishment," the 86-year-old Iranian leader declared.

"Obviously at a personal level it's very worrying," Rushdie said in an interview from London with CBS television.

"But I think it shows that this is the latest stage in a campaign that began with smears and vilification and distortion of the book which has escalated to all

sorts of levels of violence.

"Frankly, I wish I had written a more critical book," said Rushdie, born into a Muslim family in Bombay and now living in London.

Six people protesting against the book have been killed in India and Pakistan since Sunday as Muslim anger grew over perceived insults to the Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) in the book.

Rushdie has received other death threats over "The Satanic Verses," which he has said was not meant to be anti-religious.

A government statement read on Tehran Radio called for Hezbollah cells to take "necessary steps to neutralise this plot."

"We call on all Hezbollah cells in the world of Islam to grasp the depth of this black conspiracy," the statement said.

"We advise all Islamic governments not to place themselves against the million masses of angry Muslims but to demonstrate their disgust and anger, together with their nation towards this provocative American deed."

UK statements illegal, says Iran

Briton held for spying, receives heavy sentence

NICOSIA, Feb 14, (Reuters): Iran said today that Briton Roger Cooper, held in Tehran since December 1985, had received a "heavy sentence" after confessing to spying for Britain.

Information Minister Mohammad Mohammadi Reyshahri was quoted by the official IRNA news agency as saying the judiciary had completed proceedings against Cooper and a court had passed a "heavy" sentence.

But he said the judiciary was still considering a final judgement which it would issue in the future. He did not elaborate.

IRNA, said Reyshahri had stressed "nothing could halt this case". He said statements by British officials on the matter were "illegal and an interference in the country's internal affairs".

IRNA quoted the minister as saying Cooper had started his "direct activities as a spy for the British intelligence service" in 1966 and had confessed to work-

ing for its Iran section since the 1979 Islamic revolution.

He said Cooper had since 1958 worked in key sections of Iran's ministries of planning and budget and foreign affairs, as well as radio and television organisations.

British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe earlier this month expressed concern about Cooper's fate during a meeting in London with Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati.

"We reiterated our concern about the fate of Roger Cooper," a British spokesman said after the meeting.

In January, Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi said Cooper would be punished according to Islamic law.

There had been hopes in London that Cooper would be released under an amnesty, announced by Iran's spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini to mark last week's 10th anniversary of the Islamic revolution.

Waldegrave arrives for talks on Gulf and regional issues

UK wants proper relations with Iran

By Jadranka Porter

THE British Minister of State at the Foreign Office, William Waldegrave arrived in Kuwait last night for talks on regional issues, the situation in the Gulf and the Palestinian question.

He told reporters on arrival that his visit comes at a time when relations with Kuwait are warm and there are few problems to solve between the two countries.

Waldegrave who arrived from Baghdad is on a Gulf tour which

will also take him to Bahrain. This is his first visit to Kuwait since his appointment as a minister of state for foreign affairs last year.

Commenting on his visit to Baghdad he said Iraq and Britain agreed to put behind the bilateral problems which in the past caused some friction between the two countries.

"We agreed to build on a warmer relationship for the future. I think the visit was successful," Waldegrave said.

He said Britain wants relations with Iran to be established on a proper basis. He added, forces in Iran which seek better relations with the outside world would have their power increased.

He added Britain is moving carefully and slowly in its plans to normalise relations with Iran. "We wish to have balanced relationships in the region. Iran is an important country but we need to be sure that the confidence is properly based and the

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Settlement over 1984 Bhopal tragedy

Union Carbide agrees to pay \$470m compensation

NEW DELHI, Feb 14, (Agencies): Union Carbide agreed today to pay \$470 million compensation to victims of India's Bhopal gas disaster, the world's worst industrial accident.

India's Supreme Court ordered an end to a tangled web of civil and criminal law suits after Union Carbide Corporation executives accepted its directive for a full and final settlement over the 1984 tragedy in central India.

Agreed

A spokesman in New York confirmed the company agreed to the \$470 million settlement of a damages case brought by the Indian government after lethal gas spewed from a pesticides plant in the Madhya Pradesh state capital, killing 3,300 people.

"Both the government of India and Union Carbide Corporation have accepted the

court's direction," said spokesman Earl Slack.

About 1,700 people, mostly living in shanties clustering around the plant, were killed in the first few hours after inhaling methylisocyanate gas and an average one a day has died ever since.

The surprise settlement was announced as lawyers for the Connecticut-based multinational and the Indian government were about to restart legal arguments in an appeal over a lower court's order to the company to pay interim compensation.

Reasonable

Chief Justice R.S. Pathak told the court the five-judge bench believed compensation of \$470 million was "just, fair, equitable and reasonable."

"Having considered all the facts and circumstances... in particular the enormity of human

suffering occasioned by the Bhopal gas disaster and the pressing urgency to provide substantial and immediate relief to the victims, we consider the case preeminently fit for overall settlement covering all litigation of claims, rights and liabilities arising out of the disaster."

Lawyers for the Indian government immediately accepted the amount and, after a moment's hesitation, Carbide executives in the court nodded their assent.

Pathak ordered the two parties to provide a detailed submission tomorrow outlining the terms of the settlement so the court could make final directives.

He also ordered Union Carbide to pay the entire amount by March 31.

The damages agreed are \$120 million more than corporation's previous out-of-court offer of \$350 million which the Indian

government rejected as inadequate.

"The government welcomes it (the settlement) as a fixed sum which can be used quickly for the relief of victims," said an official government source. "It is after all a settlement."

The accord appears to bring to an end a complex series of court cases that looked destined to keep India's slow-moving courts busy for many years.

Proceedings

As part of the accord, Pathak ordered all civil cases and criminal proceedings against Carbide and the firm's former chief executive Warren Anderson and other officials be quashed.

Indian authorities had been trying to extradite Anderson from the United States where he is living in retirement to stand trial with eight other executives on murder charges.

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State of sea: slight to moderate

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Low water: 1.30 am, 12.30 pm

Sunrise: 6.29 am

Sunset: 6.37 pm

Maximum temperatures recorded:

Kuwait: 14°C 57°F

Ahmed: 14°C 57°F

Falaka: 13°C 55°F

Minimum temperatures recorded:

Kuwait: 3°C 37°F

Ahmed: 7°C 45°F

Falaka: 5°C 41°F

Maximum temperatures expected:

Kuwait: 13°C 55°F

Ahmed: 14°C 57°F

Falaka: 14°C 57°F

Maximum humidity recorded:

Kuwait: 50 per cent

Ahmed: 48 per cent

Falaka: 65 per cent

INTERNATIONAL

Tracy Chapman, Michael Jackson get top pop awards

LONDON, Feb 14, (AP): American singers Tracy Chapman and Michael Jackson have been named best female and male international artists at the British record industry awards.

Rock stars Phil Collins and Annie Lennox won awards for best British artists, while singer Cliff Richard accepted a lifetime achievement award at yesterday's ceremony at London's Royal Albert Hall.

Michael Jackson did not appear before the audience of 1,500, and a thank-you video he taped in Los Angeles was not shown because of a technical problem.

Newcomer

The legendary group the Four Tops accepted the eccentric superstar's award and apologised for his absence. Jackson also won a best music video award for his video "Smooth Criminal."

Folk-rock singer Tracy Chapman, 24, was also unable to attend to accept her awards as best international female artist and best international newcomer.

Annie Lennox, who sings solo as well as with her partner Dave Stewart in the group the Eurythmics, was making her first appearance since she delivered a stillborn baby three months ago. She said she planned to begin recording again in the spring.

Perfect

Other awards included the Irish group U2 for best international group, Erasure for best British group and Fairground Attraction's single "Perfect" for best British single. Fairground Attraction also won best British album for "First of a Million Kisses."

The pop group Bros won the prize for best British newcomers while the English Concert Orchestra and Chelvi won for best classical recording.

17,000 evacuated as Jakarta flooded

JAKARTA, Feb 14, (AP): About 17,000 people have left their homes in the Indonesian capital of Jakarta during two days of flooding from the Ciliwung river, a city official said today.

There have been no reports of casualties, he said.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said flooding river waters inundated Jakarta's eastern districts, mostly the slum areas of Kampung Melayu, Manggarai and Bukit Duri.

Incessant rain over the river's upper reaches in Bogor, about 60 kilometres (38 miles) south of Jakarta, caused the downstream flooding.

Flood waters reached a depth of three metres (10 feet) in some areas before they began to recede today.

There was no immediate estimate of damage caused by the flood.

Earthquake

GOLDEN, Colorado, Feb 14, (AP): A strong earthquake measuring 6.6 on the Richter scale shook the Solomon Islands in the South Pacific ocean, the US National Earthquake Information Centre reported today.

Geophysicist Bill Schmieder said there were no reports on damage or injuries in the hours following the quake at 0620 GMT today.

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Former Belgian premier too tired, says son

Boeynants freed after kidnap ordeal

BRUSSELS, Feb 14, (Reuters): Former Belgian Prime Minister Paul Vanden Boeynants, looking haggard and thin, was freed by kidnappers who held him in the dark for 30 days and reunited with his family.

The 69-year-old millionaire, who was freed last night, made a victory sign from his window to journalists waiting outside his Brussels apartment block this morning.

"His face is drawn, he's very thin, and he has grown a beard," said a Belgian photographer allowed into his flat. Vanden Boeynants told the photographer he had been held in the dark for 30 days.

His son Christian said his father was too tired to talk to reporters.

Chief investigator Andre Vandoren said Vanden Boeynants took a taxi home after kidnappers freed him at 10.25 pm near the railway station in the town of Tournai on the French border.

He contacted police after his 80-km (50-mile) drive back to Brussels.

Vanden Boeynants' family had offered to pay for his release after a hitherto unknown group called the Socialist Revolutionary Brigade (BSR) demanded a \$750,000 ransom.

Vandoren declined to say whether money had been paid.

He said he would give more details at a news conference later today, adding: "The investigation is still continuing."

Asked about suggestions that Vanden Boeynants had been held in France, he said: "I'd like to know that myself."

Speculation

One of Belgium's most colourful post-war politicians, Vanden Boeynants was under investigation for alleged bribe-taking as defence minister in the 1970s when he disappeared from his garage on Jan 14.

Vandoren ruled out speculation that Vanden Boeynants, who made a fortune from the meat industry and property, had staged his own kidnap.

Dubbed "the old crocodile" for his political tenacity, Vanden Boeynants returned home after Belgium's most spectacular kidnap inquiry appeared to have stalled, with investigators saying they did not even know whether he was still alive.

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Algerian President Chadli Benjedid (left), receives Tunisian President Ben Ali (centre) and Libyan leader Col. Moammar Khaddafi in Tunis. (Reuter wirephoto)

Evren to visit Asia to boost relations

ANKARA, Feb 14. (Reuter): President Kenan Evren's state visits to Pakistan, Malaysia and India should help consolidate ties between NATO-member Turkey and Asia.

Asian diplomats in Ankara said his trip during an 11-day tour would range from Afghanistan to trade, tourism and possible military co-operation.

In 1988 Evren made his first visits to the West since a general election he won in 1980 and three years of Army rule. He will be accompanied by Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz when he leaves for Asia on Thursday.

His trip is in line with the government's drive to make Turkey a bridge between Europe, the Middle East and Asia and to boost trade and investment to help modernisation.

Evren's visit to Pakistan to Feb 16-19 will be his third since 1981. His trips to Malaysia (Feb 19-22) and India (Feb 22-26), will be the first by a Turkish President.

Agreement
Turkish officials said agreements on tourism and trade relations would be signed in Pakistan, whose strong links with Turkey date back to Ottoman times.

"Afghanistan will be discussed," a Pakistani diplomat said. "Afghanistan is the burning issue for Pakistan. The Turks have shown an eagerness to play a helpful and constructive role."

Turkey said last week, as the last Soviet troops were pulling out of Afghanistan, that it was trying to help free some 300 Soviet prisoners-of-war held by Afghan guerrillas.

"There is no difference between Pakistan and Turkey on any international issue and no differences bilaterally," the Pakistani diplomat said.

"We are exploring the possibility of co-operation in defence production. If we are taking stuff from elsewhere and Turkey produces it, we would expect to get it from the Turks," he said.

Kabul expels French TV crew

KABUL, Feb 14. (UPI): A three-man French television crew was ordered to leave Afghanistan today for travelling out of Kabul without official permission in an attempt to contact US-backed rebel forces, the head of the team said.

Patrick Bourrat said he and his two colleagues from TFI television were told to take a flight to New Delhi from the Afghan capital.

"It was the result of a misunderstanding," said Bourrat, who had been covering the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan due to be completed tomorrow.

Bourrat, Daniel Burquez and Maurice le Joux hired a private taxi on Sunday and drove without official permission about 30 miles (50 km) outside of Kabul to Maidan Shah in an attempt to contact US-backed Muslim guerrillas.

The three filmed government positions and were apprehended as they tried driving towards guerrilla-held mountains by troops, who ordered them to return to Kabul, where officials told them they were being expelled, Bourrat said.

Donate blood

BEIJING, Feb 14. (Reuter): Healthy adults in Shanghai will have to donate blood to city hospitals or pay fines, the official China Daily said today.

A rule that takes force on July 1 orders all healthy men aged 20 to 55 and women aged 20 to 50 to give blood at least once every five years.

Maghreb leaders hold pre-summit consultations

TUNIS, Feb 14. (Reuter): Three heads of state consulted into the early hours of today in a flurry of unexplained preparations for a five-nation summit opening in the Moroccan city of Marrakesh tomorrow.

President Chadli Benjedid of Algeria brought Libyan leader Moammar Khaddafi from Libya to Tunis yesterday, apparently so that Tunisian President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali could help him sort out a last-minute hitch to the Marrakesh meeting.

Official Tunisian sources said the three leaders were expected to meet again in Tunis tonight before leaving for Morocco in the afternoon for the summit.

But the official Algerian news agency APS added to the mystery of the preparatory talks with a report that Chadli and Khaddafi would first go to Bouferradj near the west Algerian town of Oran.

No official sources have explained Chadli's and Khad-

dafi's movement, giving rise to speculation that Khaddafi may be reluctant to attend.

Another suggestion is that the other North African leaders are trying to persuade him to drop a proposal to include four other mainly African countries in a proposed union.

The Marrakesh summit will look at a draft treaty uniting Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco and Mauritania in a Arab Maghreb Union. Khaddafi last week suggested that Mali, Niger, Chad and Sudan should also be members.

Maghreb diplomatic sources said this difference of opinion was not, however, an obstacle to the summit.

Khaddafi's relations with summit host King Hassan have been strained since the King met Shimon Peres, then Israeli Prime Minister, in Morocco in the summer of 1986.

King Hassan broke off a union with Libya after Khaddafi described him as traitor for seeing Peres.

At an Arab summit in Algiers last June, which brought the two men together for the first time since 1986, Khaddafi turned up wearing a white glove on his right hand. His aides say he did not want to touch hands with those he considered contaminated.

In a separate development in Paris, the Polisario Front fighting for an independent Western Sahara said Morocco's King Hassan had postponed indefinitely a second direct meeting the two sides.

Baba Sayed, the Polisario's representative in France, said the meeting had been scheduled to take place before the summit and said the postponement had dashed the front's hopes of gaining observer status to the Maghreb meeting.

TV station fined for airing nude dance

TAIPEI, Feb 14. (AP): A Taiwanese television station was fined about \$5,400 for airing scenes of a nude dance by an announced "candidate" for parliament, the government announced today.

Taiwan Television Enterprise Ltd violated communications laws by showing the nude scenes that could "harm children's mental health" and "undermine good social customs," the government information office said.

The television station on Saturday showed a two-minute news clip of model Hsu Hsiao-Tan, 29, being carried by several male dancers to the stage of a Taipei disco where she then danced naked.

Lin Hsu-Hsiu, a news department official at the station, said Taiwan Television would not challenge the penalty. The television station is one of three in Taiwan, and is owned partly by the Taiwan provincial government and other government agencies.

Hussein to meet Bush in Tokyo

CAIRO, Feb 14. (UPI): Jordan's King Hussein said he would discuss with US President Bush the Middle East problem in light of the opening of US-PLO dialogue, when the two men meet later this month in Tokyo, Amman Radio reported.

Bush and Hussein were scheduled to hold talks on prospects of promoting a Middle East peace when they meet in Tokyo for the funeral of Emperor Hirohito.

"King Hussein said he will discuss with President Bush in the Japanese capital the Middle East issue in light of the US-PLO dialogue which has begun," the radio said.

Hussein said he held "frank and constructive" talks with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev late in 1987, and that more talks will be held when Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze visits Amman on Sunday.

Shevardnadze will visit Jordan

as part of a five-nation Middle East tour taking him also to Syria, Egypt, Iraq and Iran.

Hussein emphasised the need now for joint efforts by the two superpowers along with the UN Security Council five permanent member states and the European Economic Community to pave the way for convening the international Middle East peace conference.

And he expressed optimism over the positive prospects of holding the peace conference but did not elaborate.

Hussein said there is a likelihood the permanent members of the Security Council would meet "in the near future" to discuss this issue.

Meanwhile, Palestine Liberation Organisation leader Yasser Arafat will not attend the Feb 24 funeral of Emperor Hirohito, the Japanese Foreign Ministry said today, ending speculation prompted by a press report from the Middle East.

Shevardnadze urged to visit Israel during Mideast trip

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Feb 14. (AP): A top aide to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir urged Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze to visit Jerusalem during his upcoming Middle East tour, an Israeli newspaper reported today.

Yosef Ben-Aharon, director-general of the Prime Minister's office, was quoted in the Jerusalem Post as calling on Shevardnadze to come to Israel during his tour that starts Friday.

"I cannot see any reason why he shouldn't include Israel in his tour plans," Ben-Aharon told the Post. "If the Soviet Union really wants to have a fresh look at the Middle East, according to the principles of glasnost and perestroika, there is nothing like a first-hand look and direct talks with our leaders."

Israel Radio quoted Soviet

Foreign Ministry officials as saying Shevardnadze would not visit Israel, which does not have diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union.

In response to a reporter's question, Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Vadim Perfiliev said in Moscow that he did not know whether Shevardnadze would meet Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens or with PLO leader Yasser Arafat during the tour.

Arens, who left Israel today for a three-day trip to London, did not directly answer questions about the call for a visit by Shevardnadze.

Pleasure
"It's up to him," he said on Israel Radio. "If he decides to come visit we'll be glad to have him here. I'll be glad to talk with him."

Shevardnadze's tour is to

include Syria, Jordan, Egypt, Iraq and Iran.

In Moscow, Perfiliev said Shevardnadze's trip "will take place in the framework of the Soviet Union's consistent efforts to achieve a comprehensive and just settlement in the Middle East, taking into account the interests of all people involved."

The Soviet Union supports the idea of an international Middle East peace conference, to be attended by parties in the conflict as well as the United States, Soviet Union and other permanent members of the United Nations Security Council.

Shamir's government has rejected the idea of an international conference, although he has said lately that a US-Soviet conference or one sponsored by the United Nations could serve to bring Israel and the Arabs together for direct negotiations.

EEC ministers discuss Mideast peace

MADRID, Feb 14. (Reuter): European Economic Community foreign ministers met today to review an EEC mission to the Middle East aimed at promoting an international peace conference, diplomats said.

The ministers from Spain, France and Greece — known as the EEC troika — returned yesterday from a tour of Egypt, Jordan and Syria and were due to report to their colleagues on prospects for the peace process.

Francisco Fernandez Ordenez of Spain, who currently chairs EEC Council of Ministers meet-

ings, said on his return he was satisfied with the mission with France's Roland Dumas and Greece's Karolos Papoulias.

Diplomats said, however, that what had originally been billed as an initiative by the 12-nation community was now being described more modestly as a fact-finding visit.

The three ministers had earlier held talks in Madrid with Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman Yasser Arafat, whose decision in November to renounce terrorism and recognise

Israel's right to exist prompted the EEC move.

But Israel told Fernandez Ordenez on a visit he made there alone that it remained opposed to an international peace conference and could not accept dealings with the PLO, which it regards as a terrorist group.

Diplomats said the ministers would discuss East-West relations and were likely to issue a statement on Afghanistan to mark Wednesday's deadline for the withdrawal of Soviet troops. It would appeal for reconciliation in the country.

Sri Lankans warned against voting

Rebels impose curfew

COLOMBO, Feb 14. (Reuter): Leftist guerrillas fighting the Colombo government imposed a curfew in many parts of southern Sri Lanka today and painted slogans warning people against voting in parliamentary polls.

Residents of southern areas reached by telephone from Colombo said most streets were deserted and transport was scarce.

More than 300 people including 13 candidates have died in the four-week run up to elections in the bloodiest campaign seen in Sri Lanka.

The government has blamed many of the killings on the leftist guerrillas of the People's Liberation Front and moved 40,000 police and soldiers to trouble spots to prevent violence when voting takes place tomorrow.

Warning
A resident of Matara, 160 km south of Colombo, said the Front-imposed curfew appeared to have taken hold and there were few people on the streets. However, no violence had been reported.

"Not many people are on the streets," said one housewife.

The guerrillas put up posters warning people against voting in the elections they describe as a fraud and also told government employees not to help in ballot-

ing. The government has urged people to disregard the warnings and turn out in large numbers to elect 225 members in the first parliamentary polls in Sri Lanka in more than a decade.

In presidential election last December, less than 30 per cent of the voters cast their ballots in some parts of the south. Voting levels were also low in the northern province where Tamil separatists are fighting for an independent homeland.

The People's Liberation Front is a shadowy organisation led by Rohana Wijeweera, a 45-year-old communist, who has been in and out of the country's mainstream politics since he founded the organisation in 1967-68, an expert from the privately funded international centre for ethnic research said.

The expert who did not want to be named described Wijeweera as a rabble-rousing orator with a hardcore following of 2,500 to 3,000 people.

He contested the 1982 presidential election and although he lost he polled 273,000 votes. A year later the party was banned and he has been in hiding ever since.

The expert said Wijeweera and other Front members were inspired by North Korea and Cuba.

A document prepared by the think tank said: "His ideology was a mixture of Stalinist Marxism, Maoism and the romance of the Cuban and Korean revolution."

"It advocated a Cuban-type armed revolution yet with an emphasis on the very short nature of the actual armed insurrection."

In 1971, Wijeweera was arrested and within weeks his supporters mounted an armed insurrection that the then Prime Minister Sirima Bandaranaike managed to crush with military help from friendly countries.

Wijeweera and 32 others stood trial for their attempt to overthrow the government and were sentenced to long periods in prison. They were freed in 1977 under a general amnesty.

The expert said he believed members of the Patriotic People's Front, military wing of the People's Liberation Front, were responsible for most of the killings in the south.

The Front says fellow Sinhalese who dominate the government and military have made too many concessions to the Tamil minority Tamil guerrillas, whose separatist campaign has claimed 8,500 lives since 1983, say there haven't been enough concessions.

US beauty to run on Great Wall

HOUSTON, Texas, Feb 14. (Reuter): A former Arkansas beauty queen has convinced the Chinese government to let her run the length of the Great Wall of China.

Sally Miller Perdue, 50, hopes the 1,500-mile (2,500 km) run, never done before, will inspire Chinese and American women of every age.

"I would just like to have the opportunity to use this as a tool to inspire people to believe in themselves at any age, especially women in my generation," she said. "You'd be amazed at how many friends I have the same age and they just began to accept that life is almost over, that there is no use in pursuing any desires, ambitions, any goals."

Perdue plans to travel 25 miles (40 km) a day for two and a half months, starting on Aug 27.

She worked 10 years to win Chinese government approval for the run, and attributes her success to China's new, more liberal attitude towards women.

Ding Wei, the Houston consul for Cultural Affairs for China, said the run would promote a positive image for Chinese women.

Arabs suffering economic hardship

Palestinian uprising to go on

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Feb 14. (Reuter): Palestinians fighting against Israeli rule are suffering from economic sanctions, unemployment and a drop in the value of their money.

But they are determined to continue the struggle to create an independent Palestinian economy.

"The intifada (Arabic for uprising) created a dream and until the Palestinians achieve their dream which is an independent Palestinian state and full rights, they'll keep going," the president of the General Federation of West Bank Trade Unions, Shahrar Saad, said.

Already hard hit by Israeli taxes, frequent general strikes and high unemployment, Palestinians are now facing further economic hardship due to a 40

per cent drop in the value of the Jordanian dinar against the dollar over the past year.

"We are going through very hard economic times but everybody is willing to sacrifice," Marwan Amad, head of the Arab Hotel Association said.

Unemployment
Saad said unemployment had reached 39 per cent in the West Bank and Gaza compared to 15 per cent in December 1987, when the revolt in the Israeli-occupied territories began.

About 150,000 Palestinians worked in Israel before the uprising and that figure was now down to 60,000, he said.

An Israeli Labour Ministry spokesman denied the figures, saying unemployment in the territories was less than two per cent while the number of Pales-

tinians working in Israel remained unchanged at 110,000.

Many Palestinians have quit their jobs in Israel and Israeli employers have hired other workers to replace West Bank and Gaza labourers who failed to show up on general strike days.

The strikes called by the underground leaders of the uprising have also badly hurt shop owners, many of whom have closed their stores indefinitely.

Saad said the drop in the Jordanian dinar has hurt Palestinians in the territories more than the Jordanians themselves because there is no government control over the exchange rate.

The dinar is a widely-used currency in the West Bank and Gaza Strip which Israel captured from Jordan and Egypt in the 1967 Middle East war.

Iran hangs 70 drug smugglers

TEHRAN, Feb 14. (AP): Seventy drug smugglers, including three women, were hanged in Tehran and 25 other Iranian cities today, the largest number of traffickers executed in a single day amid a ferocious anti-narcotics crackdown.

The 67 men were hanged in public at dawn in a blinding snowstorm. The women were executed inside Iranian prisons, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

Seven of the men were hanged in Tehran's Shusha and Korasan squares at dawn in what was intended to be a public spectacle to underline the government's determination to eliminate drug smuggling and abuse, which officials have acknowledged has become a major problem.

Sudan's rebels block food for hungry town

KHARTOUM, Feb 14. (Reuter): Some 150,000 hungry people are isolated in a town last supplied with food one year ago by barge convoy and now cut off by Sudanese rebels from an emergency airlift, relief officials said on Tuesday.

The officials accused the rebels of breaking a commitment to allow emergency flights to Malakal, one of several southern towns included in an accord reached with rebels and the government by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

Agreement
"The situation there must be extremely bad... how many are dying is difficult to say," said one relief official, who declined to be identified.

The airlift there was to begin on Jan 6, the officials said. Malakal, located on the White Nile, is also a strategic govern-

ment garrison about 200 kms (125 miles) from Nasir, a town that fell to the rebels in January.

According to the ICRC agreement negotiated over 10 months last year, relief supplies were to be allowed safe passage to three government-held and three held by the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA).

The relief operation got underway in December. But when the time came to fly food to Malakal, the SPLA refused security clearance to the ICRC.

A government barge convoy left two weeks ago for Malakal but stopped about 50 kms (30 miles) short of the town, relief officials said.

Rebels have attacked relief barges to towns in the past and after the fall of Nasir there was speculation the guerrillas might be in a position to hit the convoy.

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Khalifa continues talks with King Fahd

DHAHRAN, Feb 14, (KUNA): Amir of Qatar Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani today continued his talks with his host, King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia.

The Qatari-Saudi summit talks, which started here last night, dealt with developments in the region and efforts to concentrate peace in the area in addition to bilateral relations and means of boosting solidarity between member states of the Gulf Co-operation Council.

The talks also tackled Arab and Islamic developments, according to the Qatari News Agency.

The two Gulf leaders emphasised during the talks the necessity to exert efforts to clear the Arab atmosphere and boost joint Arab action.

Sheikh Khalifa arrived here Sunday on an official visit to Saudi Arabia.

Charity committee to raise funds for Palestinians

KUWAIT, Feb 14, (KUNA): Chairman of Palestine Charitable Committee at International Islamic Charitable Foundation Dr Amin Al Agha today said that the committee was formed to raise assistance for Palestinian people in the occupied Arab lands.

Al Agha told KUNA that the committee sent its assistance to the sons of martyrs, prisoners and injured in addition to orphans.

Among the committee's activities are photography exhibitions to introduce to the public the real daily life in occupied Palestine, sponsoring seminars and lectures, as well as printing leaflets for the same purpose.

He concluded by urging the public to donate and support the committee's seasonal projects. The committee was formed last June by the foundation.

Administration development seminar

THE Co-ordination Committee for Training and Administration Development will be organising a seminar on administration development - Kuwaiti experiment - on April 3, 4 at Kuwait Regency Palace, according to Ali Baddah, head of the committee.

He said, in a press conference held at the Economists Society, that the seminar aims at supporting and developing plans for training and developing administrative staff.

He added that a number of discussions will be held during the two day seminar which will focus on efforts made by local establishments to develop their training and administrative policies.

The seminar is supported by the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science, Civil Service Commission, KISR, Banks Committee and KAC.

UNESCO chief visits Oman

PARIS, Feb 14, (KUNA): The Director-General of UNESCO, Federico Mayor starts today a three day visit to the Sultanate of Oman for talks with Education and Youth Minister Yahya Bin Mahfouthe Al Monthiri.

A statement by UNESCO issued here said that Mayor will hold talks with the education minister and other senior officials on means of promoting co-operation between this UN organization and Oman.

Recently, the UNESCO sub-committee of the "Silk Road" project held its meeting in Muscat to discuss the route of the "Omni royal yacht" "Fulk Al Salamah" which will set sail for a trip between Venice and Osaka in October 1990.

Muscat was one of the cities where traders since the 16th century stopped over during their silk trading voyages.

Last year, UNESCO added the "Behla" fort at the foot of the Green Mountain to the list of world heritage, and later extended a \$50,000 budget for its restoration.

Among the future projects between the UNESCO and Oman is the convocation of a seminar in 1990 on metallurgy to be organised in co-operation with the Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources.

Four years for distilling liquor

A WOMAN charged for distilling liquor was sentenced by the Criminal court to four years in jail with hard labour, followed by deportation.

The court was told that security personnel raided the defendant's residence, arrested the woman and recovered all liquor distilling equipment and bottles of distilled alcohol.

Aziz blames Iran for blocking peace

AMMAN, Feb 14, (Reuters): Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz blamed Iran today for lack of progress in peace talks.

"The Iranians are still insisting on their positions," Aziz told reporters. "It appears they are not completely ready to achieve a comprehensive settlement."

He was speaking after arriving in Jordan with Iraqi First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan to take part in talks on creating an economic association linking Iraq with Egypt, Jordan and North Yemen.

Aziz said there would be

another round of talks with Iran at which the two sides would discuss suggestions to be made by the United Nations. He gave no details.

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar announced after Aziz and Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati had talks in New York on Friday that they had agreed to meet again in late March after preparatory talks with UN officials.

Iran and Iraq have observed a ceasefire since Aug 20 but peace talks which started five days later have not made any real progress.

Tanker industry healthy, says Lloyd's review

LONDON, Feb 14, (KUNA): Peace was the dominant feature of 1988 in the maritime world, with the ceasefire in the Gulf the event of the year in the tanker industry, according to an assessment here today.

In its annual review of the year, the specialist newspaper Lloyd's List said it was a time when the tanker industry "began to look less of a disaster area."

"Overall, it was a year of peace and pragmatism, when there was a cessation of Gulf hostilities that had thoroughly coloured the tanker man's thinking for the past eight years," Lloyd's noted.

In the wake of the Iran-Iraq ceasefire "cautious optimism" spread through the area with attention turning to reconstruction and economic rebuilding.

the paper added. Meanwhile, in a separate section, Lloyd's noted that the ceasefire resulted in a volatile period for OPEC which led to a new accord in Vienna.

Oil prices had stabilised before the Vienna meeting as agreement on quotas seemed more likely, but "it took more than a week of tough bargaining before a new pact was agreed," commented Lloyd's.

However, the daily added: "In December, shipbroker John I. Jacobs reported the lowest volume of laid-up tankers and combination carriers for 14 years with 39 vessels of 3.79 million tonnes deadweight inactive."

"This illustrates the healthy situation at the end of the year," the review concluded.

Kuwait afforestation plan to cost about KD19 million

ENVIRONMENTAL obstacles, climatic elements, paucity of water and lack of agricultural land have contributed to impeding the growth of agriculture in Kuwait, according to a Kuwaiti official.

Speaking at a seminar organised by Kuwait Municipality on afforestation in Kuwait, Dr Subhi Al Mutawa from Kuwait's Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Resources said that afforestation efforts should receive enhanced support from authorities. Such support should be in keeping with the level of support provided in other Gulf countries, he said.

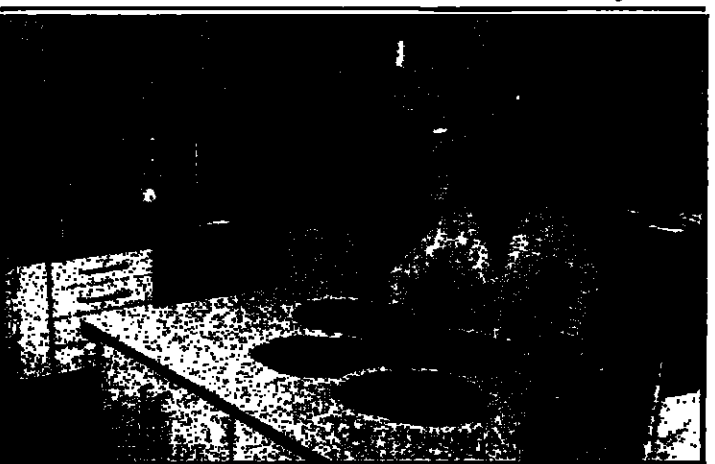
The National Afforestation Plan aims at establishing new gardens and resorts in addition to planting trees and shrubs by roadsides and public squares. About six thousand hectares will be afforested at Sabhiyah, Shaddadiyah and Jahra areas.

The greening process has covered about 60 per cent of highways.

Plan The authority in co-ordination with the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) is planning to set up a comprehensive greenery plan to meet mid- and long-term needs of the country. The greenery plan is expected to cost about KD19 million to be spread over the next two years.

Also speaking at the seminar, Dr Mahdi Abdul from KISR said that the first department to be established in KISR was the agriculture department. Several studies on plants in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Iraq had been undertaken and the results forwarded to Kuwait Municipality.

Muna Buresly from Kuwait Municipality said that this body had carried out several garden and resort projects at Abu Halifa, Jahra and Sabhiyah.



Herbal medicines being prepared at the Islamic Medical Centre.

Medical fiqh books to be distributed

KUWAIT, Feb 14, (KUNA): Islamic medical books translated to English and French upon directives of HH the Amir of Kuwait are due to be distributed among non-Arab Islamic states soon, it was announced here.

Chairman of the Islamic Medical Centre Dr Ahmed Rajaye Al Jondi, interviewed by Kuwait News Agency (KUNA), said the centre is currently preparing for distribution of translated "medical fiqh books" among Muslim countries that do not speak Arabic.

He said the centre has established strong links with several international medical organizations and world's fiqh institutions, and it has been offering service to more than 22,000 patients annually.

The centre is also working

toward improvement of medicines which it is processing basically from medical herbs to treat about 12 kinds of diseases including nasal sensitivity, dyspepsia and urine-track inflammations.

Jondi stated that the centre was receiving patients who could not be treated by modern chemical medicines and said his centre has scored great successes in curing many chronic cases.

"Percentage of successful treatment by the centre is high and we are striving to push it further," Jondi asserted, indicating that the centre is planning to increase the number of researchers and furnishing its library with comprehensive up-to-date information on medical herbs and fiqh research pertaining to them.

Kuwait has allocated KD16.7 million for needy families

KUWAIT has allocated KD16.7 million towards needy Kuwaiti families for the present fiscal year, according to Mohammed Al Subaih, director of Social Services Department of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.

He said that the budget allocation for rent reached KD10 million which was transferred to the Public Housing Authority, currently responsible for paying citizens' rents. He added that last

year's allocation was KD24.4 million. Rents will soon be paid through local banks, he said.

Subaih pointed out that about 10,000 Kuwaiti families benefit from the department's donations. The ministry pays their living allowance and also pays for housing, electricity, and clothing for each student in the family.

He added that the rent allowance is stopped if the citizen concerned obtains a loan and a land allotment from the state.

Recruitment offices to be regulated

Sheikh Salem tables draft bill on maids

OFFICIAL sources said that the Council of Ministers is currently considering a ministerial draft bill tabled by the Minister of the Interior, Sheikh Salem Al Sabah regulating the working of housemaid recruitment offices.

The draft bill contains 13 articles underlining procedures regulating the working of housemaid recruitment offices.

ARTICLE I: of the draft bill, specifies that applicants must be Kuwaitis of good repute, never convicted of a felony, an offence of morals or honesty. Applicants must be under 30 years of age, an employee at a government or related establishment, must possess an independent office and must deposit KD5,000 as insurance in the ministry's account to be valid for the duration of the practice licence.

ARTICLE II: Applications must be submitted to the General Immigration Department for authorisation to go ahead with the operation of the licensed office.

ARTICLE III: The person in whose name the licence is issued and registered will bear full legal responsibility for the office and proceedings thereof, particularly in respect of violations of the enforced residence law or related provisions.

ARTICLE IV: The practice licence shall not be used by other than the licensee, and it shall be rendered ineffective upon his death.

ARTICLE V: The legal proxy of the deceased licensee shall be given a deadline not in excess of six months to settle pending office business, without prejudice to the provisions under the previous article.

ARTICLE VI: It shall be considered an illegal breach of the licence to charge the maid or those in equivalent status any



Sheikh Salem

money in return for their employment by their sponsors.

ARTICLE VII: Licences issued for the first time shall be valid for one year, and can later be renewed with validity extensions not to exceed three years.

ARTICLE VIII: The office shall sign a contract with the maid and customer to establish the obligations to be honoured by the three parties officially: the office, the customer and the maid, before the latter is brought inside the country. The office shall submit a copy of the contract to the General Immigration Department as a prerequisite for the issuance of the no-object certificate to the employed maid.

ARTICLE IX: Applicants shall be charged KD20 as fee for issuing the licence, and another KD20 for renewal applications.

ARTICLE X: Employees assigned by the director of the General Immigration Department shall have the right to inspect the work of these offices, look at their files and records to ensure compliance with the residence law and related provisions, and submit tickets of violation to the competent investigative authorities for legal action.

ARTICLE XI: The licence shall lose its effect if the licensee fails to comply with any of the licensing conditions.

The licence will lose effect if the office or establishment has been resolved or liquidated or if the owner has notified the General Immigration Department that work at the office had been suspended and consequently requested the termination of the licence.

The licence shall be rendered ineffective if the licensee has illegally given up his licence to someone else or a different establishment, whether directly or indirectly.

Other instances entailing the cancellation of the licence included the breach of any of the articles under this decision, or if the public interest should necessitate such cancellation, whether for security, moral or general social norms, as deemed rightly appropriate by the Ministry of the Interior, which shall be effected three months after an official notification to the licensee.

The cancellation of the licence shall not suspend the enforcement of any penalties prescribed for breaches against the residence law, or any firmer penalty under any other law.

ARTICLE XII: The licensed office shall undertake the obligation of bearing the cost of returning the maid back to her country in case she is found to carry any of the infectious diseases or exhibit symptoms of physical, or psychiatric ailments within the first three months of arrival in the country, and if the personal data submitted by the licensee about the maid were proven false.

ARTICLE XIII: Refrainment by the licensee to pay the cost of repatriation of the maid shall be deducted from the insurance sum deposited at the bank.

Limited natural resources: serious problem to Kuwaiti economy

A SENIOR Kuwaiti official has warned against the dependence on a single non-renewable source of income i.e. oil. He added that the last few years had witnessed a retreat in the Kuwaiti workforce which coincided with a big outflow of capital.

Speaking at a seminar organised recently by the Faculty of Education at Kuwait University, Dr Abdul Hadi Al Awadi, the undersecretary at Kuwait's Ministry of Planning said that limited natural resources posed the most serious problem to Kuwaiti economy and community.

Values On grooming Kuwaiti citizens, the official said that they should be instilled with human and social values. Production spirit should be ingrained among Kuwaiti citizens by providing incentives with the objective of creating a national workforce. He called for upgrading the national know-how and upgrading the role of women in the national development process.

UAE government encouraging local fishermen to carry on trade

DUBAI, Feb 14, (KUNA): The UAE government is encouraging local fishermen to continue their traditional profession and has provided facilities to the fishing sector intended to contribute in this country's efforts to achieve food self-sufficiency, a report by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries said.

According to the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries Saeed Al Ragabani, nationals constitute about 39 per cent of the fishing force. Out of the 10,611 fishermen, 2,713 are nationals and nationals who own one or more boats total about 1,410 fishermen.

Fishing boats which operate out of the UAE beaches are estimated at 3,050 vessels (2,266 with petrol engines and 784 diesel engines).

Cows infected with foot and mouth disease only 2pc, says official

THE deputy director of the Animal Health Department at the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources Dr Mohammad Al Muhanna said that only two per cent of the total number of cows are suffering from the infection known as foot-and-mouth disease.

He said this disease is known since 1977 and that in 1986 a total of 1,564 cows contracted the disease. This was the highest rate registered during the period from 1977 to 1988.

Baseless

He added that it was a baseless rumour that as many as 95 per cent of cows in Kuwait developed symptoms of the disease. Further, he said that if the immunisation serum administered was ineffective, the number

of cows to contract the disease would have reached 8,000 or more. He pointed out that the latent period was one to 18 days after which sick cows would start exhibiting the symptoms, which include severe fever, mouth blisters causing eating problems, in addition to a lame leg.

He said that the disease-causing virus, which is highly susceptible to sun-rays is soon incapacitated by severe weather conditions, and incommunicable to man.

He added that sick animals would have their blood, urine, saliva, flesh, lymphatic glands, spinal cords, and milk full of the virus, which is best transmitted to healthy animals at night by the wind.

co-operate and contribute towards the development requirements.

For the five-year plan to achieve its objectives, "special concern" should be accorded to the educational process. There is imperative need for instituting radical changes, he said.

Flexible The educational system in Kuwait should be more flexible in keeping with the latest developments throughout the world. He cited international institutions special concern to the importance of education in realising developmental objectives. Advancement is directly linked to the educational issue, he said.

He added that the cultural march in Kuwait had witnessed a significant drop during the last few years. The official called for support of the Faculty of Education after eight years of its establishment in order to enable it to play its vital role in the development of the Kuwaiti community.

Sabah receives Egyptian envoy

KUWAIT, Feb 14, (KUNA): Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed received today Egyptian Ambassador to Kuwait, Saad Mahmoud Refat, and discussed his forthcoming official visit to Cairo.

Sheikh Sabah, in remarks to reporters, did not mention the date of the visit.

He added that the talks with the ambassador also covered a string of agreements between Kuwait and Egypt that has been discussed during the visit to Kuwait by Egyptian Culture Minister, Farouq Hosni, early this month.

Later Sheikh Sabah received the board of Kuwaiti Women's Cultural and Social Society, who presented him with a token gift on the occasion of the society's 25th founding anniversary.

Two Turks arrested

TWO Turks were arrested while trying to infiltrate into the country aboard a cargo truck by security men at Abdali border.

The stowaways and the truck driver were referred to relevant authorities.

Meanwhile, a woman was arrested when custom officers at Kuwait International Airport seized a quantity of drugs in her suitcase.

When questioned, the woman confessed that she tried to smuggle the contraband into the country for selling purposes. She was, thereafter, turned over to security authorities along with the seized drugs.

Spice Board office opens in Bahrain

THE new premises of Spice Board of India trade promotion office in Bahrain was officially inaugurated in a ceremony on Monday. The Minister of Commerce and Agriculture, Habib Cassim, attended the event along with a host of dignitaries and leading Indian businessmen in the island.

Indian Ambassador M.M. Menon, Director of Spice Board N. Bharathir Pillai and other officials of the Indian embassy were also present.

In Feb 1987, the Indian government opened a Spice Board in Bahrain in conjunction with the Indian embassy merging the Cardamom Board and the Spice Export Promotion Council of India. India exports 20,000 tons of spices valued at \$35 million per annum to the Gulf and North Africa. Major spices imported into the Gulf countries from India are cardamom, black pepper, dry ginger, turmeric, coriander and cumin.

ICRC chief expresses concern over POWs

GENEVA, Feb 14, (AP): The President of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) expressed concern today about the slow repatriation of prisoners taken in the Gulf war and said Iran and Iraq were not fulfilling their international obligations.

Cornelio Sommaruga said it was "absolutely inadmissible" that the all-Swiss humanitarian organisation had been unable to fulfil its mandate of registering all POWs in the Iran-Iraq conflict.

In Afghanistan, he said, the ICRC will continue key activities, though a third of its staff has been withdrawn over the past month.

Objective Other priority regions this year for ICRC emergency aid and humanitarian assistance will be Southern Sudan, Northern Somalia, the Israeli-occupied Arab territories, El Salvador and Nicaragua, Sommaruga told a press conference.

He also called for access to prisoners captured in fighting between Chad and Libya and in the Western Sahara conflict. On the Gulf war POWs, he said: "The ICRC's immediate objective will be to obtain progressive repatriation now that active hostilities have ceased, with priority for the sick and wounded."

Only 351 war prisoners, mostly Iraqis, have been exchanged since a UN-sponsored ceasefire between Iran and Iraq took effect last August, Sommaruga said at his annual press conference.

Both sides together are currently believed to hold more than 100,000 captives, he said. Saying the ICRC is "very preoccupied" about the Gulf war prisoners, he accused both sides of "a lack of concretisation" in fulfilling their obligations under the Geneva conventions - repatriating POWs as quickly as possible after the end of active hostilities.

"We regret very much that both sides are still discussing under UN auspices if this actually is the end of active hostilities," Sommaruga said.

Supervision The ICRC pledged to independence and neutrality, watches over the implementation of the Geneva conventions on International Humanitarian Law. It is supervising the Gulf war prisoner exchange programme.

In Afghanistan, 20 of the ICRC's 60 delegates were withdrawn over the past month after a hospital project in the city of Herat was put off due to communication problems and problems with Afghan authorities, Sommaruga said.

He said that the ICRC was working to achieve a diplomatic settlement of the Lebanese problem by bringing together all Lebanese factions to the negotiating table.

The message also outlined the second phase of committee plan, a meeting with Lebanon's spiritual Muslim and Christian leaders, commencing in Kuwait Feb 20.

Sheikh Sabah said the message came in the framework of efforts to inform Arab governments of committee work, and especially Saudi Arabia which commands considerable respect among the Lebanese people.

Private vehicle testing service being considered

THE Ministry of Interior is currently considering the establishment of a special technical testing service for sedan vehicles in return for a specified fee, according to the director of the Capital Traffic Department, Salem Al Roumi.

He told a local daily that the ministry has studied a number of applications by directors of local companies seeking permission to carry out technical testing at specially designed garages.

He said that if a ministerial decision was issued in this respect, a number of garages will be authorised to perform such services, under the supervision of police personnel.

He added that two garages are expected to be opened in each governorate. These will provide similar services to all types of vehicles, including lorries, taxis and trucks.

Money orders to Philippines to be accepted March 1

A PRESS release from the Post Office Department at the Ministry of Communications has said that an agreement has been concluded for the direct exchange of Postal Money Orders between the State of Kuwait and the Republic of Philippines.

The maximum value of each money order from Kuwait to the Philippines will not exceed \$300 and the maximum value of each money order from the Philippines to Kuwait will not exceed \$25, the release said.

The agreement will come into effect from March 1, 1989 and no telegraphic or urgent money orders will be accepted, the release added.

Abdali farm owner experiments with fish cultivation

ABDUL Aziz Al Bajjan and Sons Farm is one of the modern farms situated in Abdali agricultural area which undertakes experiments in fish farming, including cultivating fish for home fish tanks.

The farm produces among other types of fish, Bati, which is now also being produced and cultivated by Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR).

Bajjan, the farm owner said that he first began experiments with rearing fish for homes in tanks as a novel addition to interior decor.

On cultivating Bati fish, he said that samples of this species were brought from Saudi Arabia since this country had previous experience in cultivating Bati in the private sector.

The experiment proved successful and we are planning further expansion in the Abdali area to attain commercial levels, Bajjan said.

However, he added, that expansion on a commercial scale requires large financial outlay. Contacts with the General Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fisheries have been under way and officials have shown their willingness to extend every co-operation.

Iraq is planning to implement better forms of democracy

Israel can instigate Iran to resume war: Saddam

The text of the interview of President Saddam Hussein with Kuwaiti editors-in-chief, who accompanied HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah to Iraq.

Question: Do you at present have any intentions and plans towards introducing multi-party system, public freedoms and an open society?

Answer: Such developments rarely take place within victorious countries. Rather they are a familiar sight after a failure or a catastrophe. I believe that the slogans of democracy and its consolidation in society manifest themselves only after experiencing failures on the political, economic or social policies.

To consolidate and strengthen democracy after succeeding in all these aspects is a totally different affair. We in Iraq consider ourselves successful — particularly in our economic policy which is clear and comprehensive. It has been in implementation in a very expanded manner for the last three years. We have been successful and have no problems.

Had we delayed the implementation of the new economic policy we would have been in a difficult situation now due to the drop in oil prices and the drop in the value of the US dollar.

We had started well planned steps for the state and the people two years before the war actually ended. Plans had been prepared for four or five years ago which include the reconstruction of Basra.

The difference between the West and the Third World is that in the latter, hidden things are much more important than matters which are publicised. In the West it is the contrary.

Thus, in the West, even the military commanders have a more comprehensive outlook of their society than commanders here. Because of this, big surprises may result here and there may play in the dark. Clearness and openness will lead to facts that all people can agree on.

Thus, when there is true democracy people can frankly express their opinions on their particular candidates — inefficient candidates will not succeed.

In this respect, I must warn that blind imitation of the West, democratic development in countries like France, Britain or Italy, will certainly lead to the destruction of our countries.

Result

A hated dictatorship may be the result of such a situation of chaos. By keeping this in mind, the main essence and meaning of

democracy must be applied and there is no way out for us from this.

We, as the Iraqi leadership, have in depth discussed ways to strengthen and consolidate the implementation of democracy, particularly the multi-party system. The first session found a majority of the leadership in disagreement with the multi-party system.

But, I announced that we have adopted the multi-party system because I realised that the party needed renewal in its blood and movement. In fact, I in 1982 told my colleagues of this line of thinking. In 1979, we had even decided to hold presidential elections. In 1982, I told my colleagues that after the war ends, we should adopt the multi-party system and expand the democratic practices by using advanced formulas.

I affirm here that what we plan to do is apply new advanced formulas to democracy. We have democracy in the elections of trade unions and other professional bodies, nominations and election to the national and legislative councils.

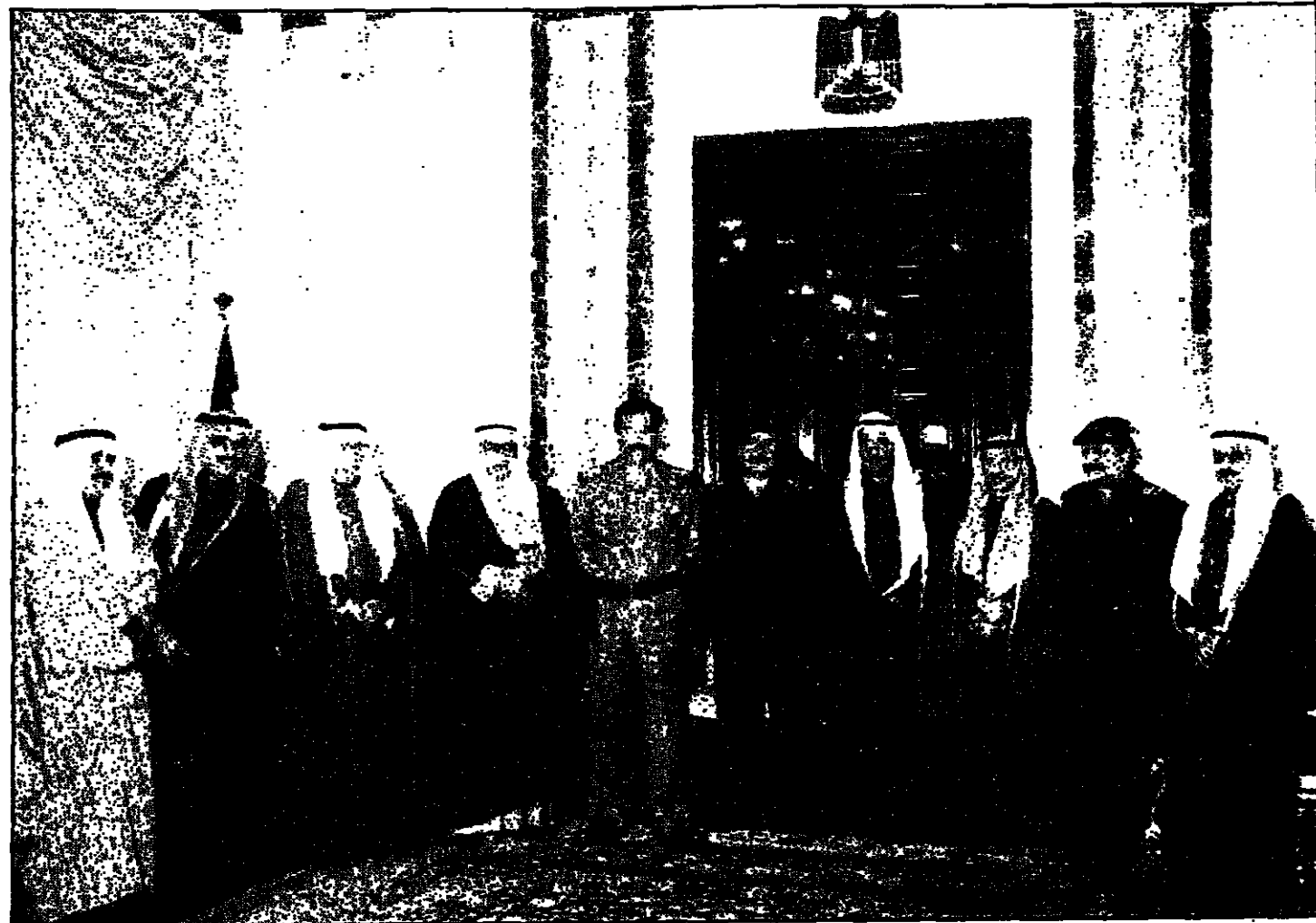
Our party even considers elections as cancelled if only one candidate stands for election.

Q: As a victorious country, you are still causing fear and this is evident from various statements issued by various people?

A: We are a type of people who never exaggerate their capabilities and strength. Moreover we are reluctant to use force wherever this is avoidable. These statements are not strange if they come from our enemies who will look into our force as an added power to the Arab nation against their enemies. The Arab nation including Iraq, is a nation of peace and thus looks to its force in a civilised way. Those who think otherwise are dreaming.

Q: It is perhaps a healthy attitude to differ with our colleague, Ahmed Al Jassbi (who asked the previous question) and see that Iraq should be feared by the enemies and should be a supporting factor will frighten only the enemies of Arabs.

A: Ahmed means something else as I understand from his question. But, after the victory of Faw, I felt that the aid of some brothers to Iraq greatly shrunk. Without meeting with the highest authorities in those countries



Saddam Hussein (fifth right) with editors-in-chief of Kuwaiti newspapers and the chairman of KUNA.

I cannot give an explanation. Traditionally, I straight away go to the concerned brother and ask him for an explanation.

Some foreigners, Arabs and Iraqis now state that our brothers were helping us within the framework of the security of the region and not as principled expression of Arab nationalism. They wanted to stop the aid in order not to help the Iraqi victory become an additional strength for the Iraqis.

I do not concur with this opinion because I understand that in all cases, Iraq is a support to all its brothers. Thus if some good things happen to Iraq it will be for all Arabs and vice versa.

Q: The official peace procedures like signing an agreement have not taken place till now.

A: Was a peace agreement signed between Moscow and Japan after the war? No it wasn't. But, peace prevails between the two countries since the end of World War II. Thus, peace could be achieved with or without an agreement.

For us, we prefer peace with agreement. While we call for this,

we take it that peace is achieved on a durable basis. For example, today I chaired a meeting in Basra and it concentrated upon achieving the beautification of Basra. All divisions and brigades of the Army are taking part in the reconstruction of Basra.

Q: Israel is probably planning an operation against Iraq. Additionally for the last 45 years Arabs did not practice democracy and thus allowed their enemies to distort their reputation. I think that democracy is a power we have not yet used against Israel?

A: I agree with you on the issue of democracy and we in Iraq are planning to implement better forms of democracy. Iraq has been practising some forms of democracy, but we have not succeeded in showing it. The National Council began its elections in 1980 and despite the eruption of the war in Sept, the council continued and even the law of the council was improved. The law contains clauses that are rarely present in any of the Third World parliaments.

It is understood that the collective stand is better than standing

alone. Unfortunately, we have not yet used this against Israel. But, it should be noticed that the Arabs at present are more mature than they were 10 to 20 years ago.

A direct aggression from Israel is expected. Israel could also instigate Iran to resume the war. But, it should be realised that the world at present is not governed by a single will. The international reaction besides those in the region and Iraq's capability will certainly halt Israel from doing what it wishes. Israel realises this and can expect Iraq's reaction towards any aggression.

Q: Could you please elucidate on the pact between Jordan, Iraq, Egypt and North Yemen?

A: I cannot tell you about a pact which has not been concluded yet. But, I think any grouping of Arab countries will be positive. For the time being, I cannot talk unilaterally about a case which just represents the reaction of four wills.

In my modest opinion Arabs should handle these issues carefully. Attitudes should be based on sound convictions. It would be important for Arabs to

start a dialogue either through the Arab League or through Arab summits. Dialogue for me is better than resolutions taken. I ask why do not the Arab leaders start a real dialogue? Are they unable to do so or are they waiting for more convenient circumstances? Dialogue based on frankness is a healthy phenomenon. Any friend who does not tell me my negative aspects I would consider him to be an enemy.

Q: Has denationalisation of some of the public sector installations in Iraq been successful? What about the contribution of the Arab capital in the investment field in Iraq?

A: The private sector in Iraq coincided with the public sector since 1968. Their role has been tangible in agriculture, industry, services and other different sectors — except education. In the past the state was administering different sectors.

Now the role of the private sector has been enhanced. No tax will be imposed on the private sector for the next 10 years. We as a government have decided to be involved only in some specific

industries which match the state's capabilities.

We deem Arab investments in Iraq as a nationalistic attitude rather than technical. The relevant law relating to Arab investments in Iraq had been enacted when Iraq had tens of billions of dollars in its Central Bank. The law was amended and necessary regulations to encourage Arab investors, were added.

The problem to be discussed is how to remit profits abroad in hard currency. Once this problem is solved, Arab capitals will flow as investment fields will be opened to all and investors will make big profits particularly in the industrial, agricultural and tourism fields.

The delay in the flow of Arab capital to Iraq is attributed to two factors. First Arab investors were not sure about peace between Iraq and Iran. Secondly, limitations on foreign exchange remittances. This problem will soon be solved.

Q: Could you give us your evaluation of Sheikh Saad's visit to Iraq?

A: I think that both Iraqis and Kuwaitis in the past were used to talks in general terms. Sheikh Saad's visit covered specifics in detail.

Both sides have identical thoughts over the issues discussed. I believe that everything has become clear now and hopefully we will settle the issue because we feel that it is a burden on our shoulders much more than it is on yours. We wanted you to be sure that we desire to get rid of this burden.

Another aspect of the talks was that both sides thought that the key to the issue was in the hands of both — not in the hands of either Iraq or Kuwait alone.

Personally, I am very satisfied with Sheikh Saad's visit and I believe Sheikh Saad also came away from his meetings in Iraq completely satisfied with the outcome of his discussions.

Q: Will the peace stage be more difficult than war?

A: It is not more difficult. It will be easier because we built the institutions and infrastructure of the state from 1968 to 1980. The war brings big economic losses, sacrifices and bloodshed. Peace is, easier than war. Peace is a natural way of life.

Q: The war usually suspends problems, but after the war they come to surface again.

A: No. We did not suspend any activities except those which were beyond our financial abilities. We did not suspend the dialogue. There are very limited issues that were suspended because of the war. Even arts and poetry developed during the war.

Amir condolences UAE President

KUWAIT, Feb 14, (KUNA): HH the Amir today dispatched Sheikh Mubarak Abdullah Al Ahmed Al Jaber Al Sabah to the United Arab Emirates to convey the condolences of Kuwait's people, Amir and Government to UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan on the death of the President's brother.

Crown Prince audiences

KUWAIT, Feb 14, (KUNA): HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah today received in his Diwan at Bayan Palace the Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, adviser at the Amir Diwan Abdul Aziz Hussein who was accompanied by Dr Shakir Mustafa, and Minister of State for Services Affairs Issa Mohammed Al Maadi who was accompanied by Board Chairman of Kuwait Airways Corporation Ahmed Al Mishari and Director-General of the Public Administration for Civil Aviation Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Abdulla.

His Highness also received Minister of Public Works Abdul Rahman Al Houti, Minister of State for Housing Nasser Al Roudhan, Education Minister Anwar Al Nouri and Mohamed Yousef Al Adani.

Sheikh Saad later received Acting Director-General of the Kuwait Municipality Sheikh Sabah Al Jaber Al Ali.

Jaffer receives Indian envoy

KUWAIT, Feb 14, (KUNA): Information Undersecretary Abdul Aziz Jaffer met today in his office with the Indian Ambassador to Kuwait Nagendra Nath Jha.

The talks dealt with means to strengthen co-operation between Kuwait and India in various spheres of the mass media and other issues of joint interest.

Co-ops to redress customer grievances

COMMUNITIES bought at any co-operative Society may be returned within two days of purchase provided that they have not been tampered with, opened, tasted or partially used, according to Saleem Abu Hadda, chairman of the Kuwait Union of Co-operative Societies.

He told a local daily that arithmetical errors resulting in overcharging customers may be revised if the customer consults the manager with a copy of the receipt.

King Hassan hosts Saudi commander

RABAT, Feb 14, (KUNA): King Hassan of Morocco last night received Saudi Crown Prince, First Deputy Premier, and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdulla Bin Abdul Aziz at the western city of Marrakesh.

The Moroccan News Agency which reported the meeting made no mention of the topics discussed.

Training course

THE Ninth Training Course for Kuwaiti commandos was concluded today. The graduation ceremony was attended by the Director of Operations at Kuwait Army Land Forces Colonel Staff Officer Yusuf Bendar Obaid and number of senior officers at the Commando battalion.



Claude Zogheb

Sheraton presentation

A TEAM from Egypt's Sheraton Hotels yesterday held a press conference at Kuwait Sheraton Hotel.

Delivering the key note address, Claude Zogheb, the director of sales at Sheraton Nile cruises in the Sheraton sales centre in Egypt said that six Sheraton Hotels located in Egypt are: three in Cairo, one each in Alexandria, Luxor and Qadaga. The staff is nearly 99 per cent Egyptian.

During the press conference slide presentations were portrayed highlighting the presentation.

In addition to the services provided by the Egyptian chain of Sheraton Hotels, there are four Sheraton Nile cruises which endeavour to promote and increase the influx of tourists by providing tours along the Nile. Sheraton is focusing on and succeeding in wooing Gulf citizens to visit Egypt through various schemes — in particular the Sheraton Nile cruise.

As in all Sheraton Hotels around the world, Sheraton in Egypt is synonymous with comfort, latest amenities, ideal locations and personalised services — all at very reasonable prices. Zogheb said.

Defence minister returns home

KUWAIT, Feb 14, (KUNA): Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed returned home today from a three-day official visit to Qatar that centred on bilateral military co-operation between the two Gulf Co-operation Council states.

Sheikh Nawaf told KUNA upon arrival that the visit had been in response to an invitation extended by Qatari Minister of Defence, Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa.

He added that he is carrying reply greetings of the Amir of Qatar to HH the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed and HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah.

The minister pointed out that he and his Qatari counterpart discussed military issues of common interest.

Sheikh Nawaf was welcomed upon arrival by Kuwaiti Army Chief of Staff, Mezayed Abdulrahman Al Sane, Defence Undersecretary, Faisal Al Dawoud and the Deputy Army Chief of Staff, Staff General Sheikh Jaber Al Khalid Al Sabah.

In a pre-departure statement carried by the Qatari News Agency, Sheikh Nawaf had described his talks as successful.

UK health minister praises Arab Health & Dentistry '89

BRITISH Minister of Health David Mellor MP yesterday praised Arab Health & Dentistry '89 for supporting the development of advanced health-care services in the Middle East.

Mellor, who visited the stands of 45 British medical and dental companies appearing at the four-day exhibition, said: "There are exciting developments of health-care in the region, and complex medical treatments are now available."

"This is a truly international exhibition which reflects these advances of health care and gives

confidence for the future. I have been pleased to see a range of visitors from all over the Middle East."

Mellor, who arrived in Dubai after a fact-finding tour of hospitals and clinics in Saudi Arabia, said that he hoped current co-operation between Britain's National Health Service and health-care facilities in the Middle East would be strengthened to assist the development of services.

Arab Health & Dentistry '89, which closes today, has more than 250 exhibitors from 24 countries, including six official government-sponsored groups, and has attracted hundreds of visitors from throughout the Middle East.

Anti-smoking committee

THE anti-smoking committee of the Council of Health Ministers of the Gulf states will hold meetings in Doha tomorrow for two days. The committee will discuss and follow up steps taken by the Gulf states to fight smoking and to reduce the percentage of tar and nicotine in some kinds of cigarettes. The committee will also discuss putting forward a collective plan of action to fight smoking.

MEW minister receives envoy

KUWAIT, Feb 14, (KUNA): Minister of Electricity and Water (MEW) Hmoud Abdullah Al Rqobah today received at his office the West German Ambassador Bernd Wulff.

Maronite patriarch to join spiritual leaders in Kuwait

BEIRUT, Feb 14, (KUNA): Lebanon's Christian Maronite Patriarch Nassrallah Sfair will join other Lebanese spiritual leaders in Arab League - sponsored talks in Kuwait later this month to help bring about peace in Lebanon.

Sfair's participation in the talks was announced by a statement released at the end of a meeting for top clergymen of the Maronite church here today.

The talks were called for by Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed who heads an Arab League committee entrusted with helping the Lebanese elect a president and bring about a measure of peace to their war-torn country.

The six-man ministerial committee met with three top Lebanese political leaders in Tunis last month in its first effort to help solve the constitutional crisis in Lebanon.

The committee's talks with Acting Premier Salim Al Hoss, head of the military government Gen Michel Aoun and Parliament Speaker Hussein Al

Husseini ended inconclusively, prompting the committee head to broaden the scope of contacts with Lebanese communal leaders.

The talks in Kuwait will bring Sfair together with Mufti of the Sunni Muslims Sheikh Hassan Khaled, Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Shiite Muslim Council Sheikh Mohammed Mahdi Shamsul-Din and a representative for spiritual leader of the Druze community Sheikh Mohammed Abu Shaqra, who cannot attend for ill health.

The talks will also be joined by Lebanese Christian Catholic Patriarch Maximos Hakim and Patriarch of Christian Orthodox Ignatius Hazim. The two are based in Damascus.

Meanwhile, sources told KUNA that Kuwait which will host the talks is sending an aircraft to Beirut on Sunday to lift the spiritual leaders.

All Lebanese factions have welcomed Kuwait's and the committee's efforts to help set the stage for national reconciliation in Lebanon and promised to co-operate.

Bahraini Amir receives Kuwait envoy

MANAMA, Feb 14, (KUNA): Bahraini Amir Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa today received here Kuwaiti Ambassador to Bahrain Faisal Mohammed Al Hajji, the Gulf News Agency reported today.

The meeting included a cordial exchange of fraternal ties between the two countries and issues of mutual interest, the agency added.

New promotion at the Meridien Hotel



The Hotel Meridien Kuwait recently promoted Mr Hichem Khemairi as the new purchasing manager. Photo shows above (left to right) Mr Fahed Abushar, resident manager; Mr Khemairi and Mr Khalid Zikry, financial controller.

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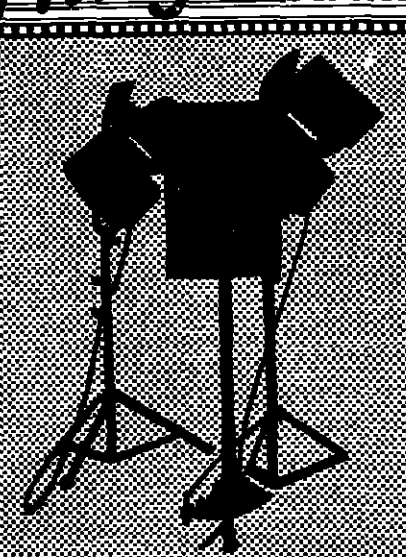
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INJUSTICE is relatively easy to bear; what stings is justice — F.L. Menckel, US editor (1880-1956).

Tito under attack by former aide

By Peter Humphrey

BELGRADE, (Reuters): Koca Popovic, a legendary Yugoslav general and political aide of Josip Broz Tito, has openly accused the late president of stifling democracy through repression and persecution.

Popovic, 80, also charged that Tito's lifelong lieutenant, the late Edvard Kardelj, was a man who posed as a liberal favouring democracy, while practising Stalinism.

Popovic's attacks are printed in a collection of interviews with him by Yugoslav journalist Aleksandar Nenadovic, which have just been published here as a book, "Conversations with Koca."

Popovic is quoted as saying of Tito: "He favoured obedience while repressing and even persecuting those who held opposing views, especially those who demanded real and not just decorative democratisation of party and state administration."

Attack

It is the first such public attack on Tito and coincides with a Communist Party power struggle that has plunged the country into its worst political chaos in 44 years of communist rule, with regional party factions challenging the structure of the Titoist federation.

Tito, who died in 1980 after 35 years in power, conducted several purges — one of them in 1954 of his political associate Milovan Djilas, now a leading dissident, for advocating greater democracy.

Only innuendo and indirect references have been heard in public to blame him for the present crisis as Yugoslavia struggles to democratise and reform its inflation-ravaged economy.

Popovic joined the communists before World War II and was one of Tito's three outstanding partisan generals who fought the occupying Nazi forces here.

His military exploits feature in the staple diet of war stories read by all Yugoslav children.

Tito put him in several top posts, including chief-of-staff of the armed forces, foreign minister and vice-president.

Popovic resigned as vice-president in 1972. His associates say he was disgusted with Tito's sweeping purge of liberals, primarily in Serbia but also in

Slovenia and Macedonia. This month he joined one of the many alternative political groups sprouting in the parts of the country, the Union for Yugoslav Democratic Initiative, which has pledged itself to fight for greater human rights and democracy.

Excerpts of the book are being serialised in leading papers, including Borba, which is closely allied to the party.

Nowadays, there is no Tito-like figure to crush the new dissenting voice of Popovic, who has broken his silence for the first time since leaving the political scene.

Since Tito's death the country has been ruled by collective leadership.

Popovic attacked Tito's personality cult as a fundamental factor which had limited Yugoslavia's political development.

He disputed the view that Kardelj, who died in 1979, had been a liberal influence on Tito as his ideological lieutenant. Kardelj always "cynically justified and even instigated Stalinist methods in dealing with demands for greater party and social democracy," Popovic said.

The attitude of Tito and Kardelj resulted inevitably in "dogmatism and an authoritarian party which has resisted all attempts at radical reform or democratisation of the system even when it has become obvious that the system is falling apart," he said.

Accused

Western analysts said Popovic's comments were not only a bid to clarify Yugoslav political history in the context of the present crisis, but also fit into the broader trends sweeping communist countries in Europe, which are now re-evaluating their pasts.

Popovic attacked one of Tito's most contentious purges — that of security chief Aleksandar Rankovic, deposed in 1966 amid speculation he was plotting against Tito.

"Rankovic was condemned for something which could not be proved and which he probably had no intention of doing: setting an espionage trap for Tito and his wife Jovanka," Popovic said.

He said Rankovic was accused of obstructing a drive for greater democracy proclaimed by Tito at that time, but the general added that after Rankovic's removal, the democracy plans were quickly forgotten.

Sixth part of the study on the changing face of China

Reforms have shaken the cloistered society

By Ann Scott Tyson

CANTON, China: Swept away by strobe lights and the heavy beat of a Chinese rock band, Wang Yan smiles as she shimies across the glossy dance floor of a packed Canton discotheque.

"I love American disco-the-koh," the flamboyant 26-year-old seamstress shouts over the pulsating music. "I go to all the big dance halls," she said later, sipping a drink with friends in a dimly lit corner of the Western-style nightclub.

In this glittering nocturnal world of big spending, casual encounters, and brash individualism, Miss Wang feels at home. Like growing numbers of young, urban Chinese, she finds acceptance here for a maverick life style that shuns both Maoist puritanism and Confucian social strictures.

"Today, more young people have their own will," Wang said, combing her curled hair with long, frosted fingernails. "They do whatever they like."

Wang's freewheeling attitudes reflect how a decade of reform and opening to the West has shaken China's cloistered society, creating a new thirst for independence among urban Chinese. But the waning of conventional values has a darker side: the rise of modern social ills. An upsurge in divorce, teen-age

pregnancy, juvenile crime, and prostitution is the price city dwellers like Wang are paying for abandoning old-fashioned morality.

Unlike China's stalwart peasants, who have revived traditional values under reform, residents of Canton and other bustling coastal cities are grasping for something new.

"With reform, people have grown more open-minded. They dare to think for themselves," said Pan Yongkang, a Canton Communist Party official. "In the past, this was unimaginable... everything was forbidden."

Since 1978, market-oriented economic reforms launched by Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping have rocked China's egalitarian "iron rice bowl" society by unleashing intense, open competition for wealth and status.

For Wang and many of China's young private entrepreneurs, the "nouveau riches" who frequent expensive nightclubs, money determines status — not family, education, or profession. To her, the stigma on profit-making that permeated both Confucian and Maoist society is absurd.

"You can't depend on just a salary to live anymore — you've got to do business," said Wang, who flaunts her wealth with Hong Kong fashions, makeup, and imported cigarettes. Much of Wang's amusement is finan-

ced by her prosperous boyfriend, a restaurant owner who earns several times the average wage of an urban worker.

"My boyfriend wants to compete, to make more. A lot of people are opening restaurants these days," Wang said.

Highly ambitious, such young Chinese "are not satisfied with just having enough to eat and wear — they want to break new terrain," explains Li Jiangtao, a scholar at the Canton Social Science Research Institute.

Freedom

Reveling in newfound financial freedom, many young people have rebelled against their parents, teachers, and other superiors in the Confucian hierarchy, according to Li.

"Cantonese youth are very self-reliant," said Li. "They no longer have blind faith in authority. On the contrary, they are far more conscious of their own power and how to protect it."

Wang's relationship with her parents, both military veterans, is hardly one of filial piety. "If what they say is correct, I listen. Otherwise, I ignore them," she said with a laugh. In a sharp break with tradition, many city youths now leave their parents' home as soon as they can afford to.

The irreverence Wang shows her elders also reflects how an influx of foreign values has sparked a yearning for indepen-

dence among Chinese youth.

Beijing's pragmatic decision a decade ago to "open to the outside" has exposed Chinese to foreign ideas and fads on a scale unprecedented under communist rule. Encounters with tourists, foreign films, and TV series from the West, Hong Kong, and Japan have shaped the values and dreams of Chinese like Wang.

Imported cars, luxury hotels, fast-food restaurants and other symbols of life abroad pervade Canton and other vibrant coastal towns. The frenetic southern city emulates the neighbouring capitalist enclave of Hong Kong, a close business partner.

"In Canton, there is an old saying: 'Open wide the southern window, let in the fresh air,'" Pan said. "After we opened up in 1978, culture flowed in from Hong Kong, Macao, and the West. It has affected us," he said.

Change

Cantonese like the change. Since 1978, when the highlight of an evening was a propaganda film, the city has opened hundreds of dance halls, video houses, electronic game stalls, and open-air pool galleries, drawing throngs of customers each night.

Wang's passion for American disco music and nightclub-hopping her conspicuous makeup, and imported clothes are all superficial symbols of her attraction to a radically foreign life

style that clashes with her Chinese upbringing.

Not long ago, when Wang was growing up under Mao Tse-tung's puritanical regime, girls were forced to wear their hair in pigtails and dress in drab, baggy shirts and pants. A dab of perfume or dash of lipstick could provoke persecution.

But Wang has embraced modern values that run deeper than her stylish looks. For instance, she approves of unmarried couples living together, accepts casual dating, and demands independence in romance.

"I don't want to get married yet. I like my freedom," Wang said. "After you marry, you can't do as much. I want to travel and have a good time." Such views still raise eyebrows in China, where 80 per cent of marriages are arranged and many single women fear spinsterhood after the age of 25.

Wang's bold individualism demonstrates how 10 years of reform have infused China's society with badly needed dynamism. But as Confucian ethics and Maoist restraints have waned, modern social problems have emerged.

For example, the number of divorces in China has more than tripled since reform began in 1978, and many city dwellers — especially the young — take a cavalier attitude toward divorce, according to the Canton social

scientist, Li.

"Today there is a saying: 'Marriage and divorce are as incessant as running water,'" Li said. "Divorce is no longer a matter of losing face," he said, adding that the chief cause of divorce is "a third party."

Teen-age promiscuity and pregnancy are also on the rise, leading officials in Canton, Beijing, and other cities to end a longstanding taboo on sex education in the classroom this year.

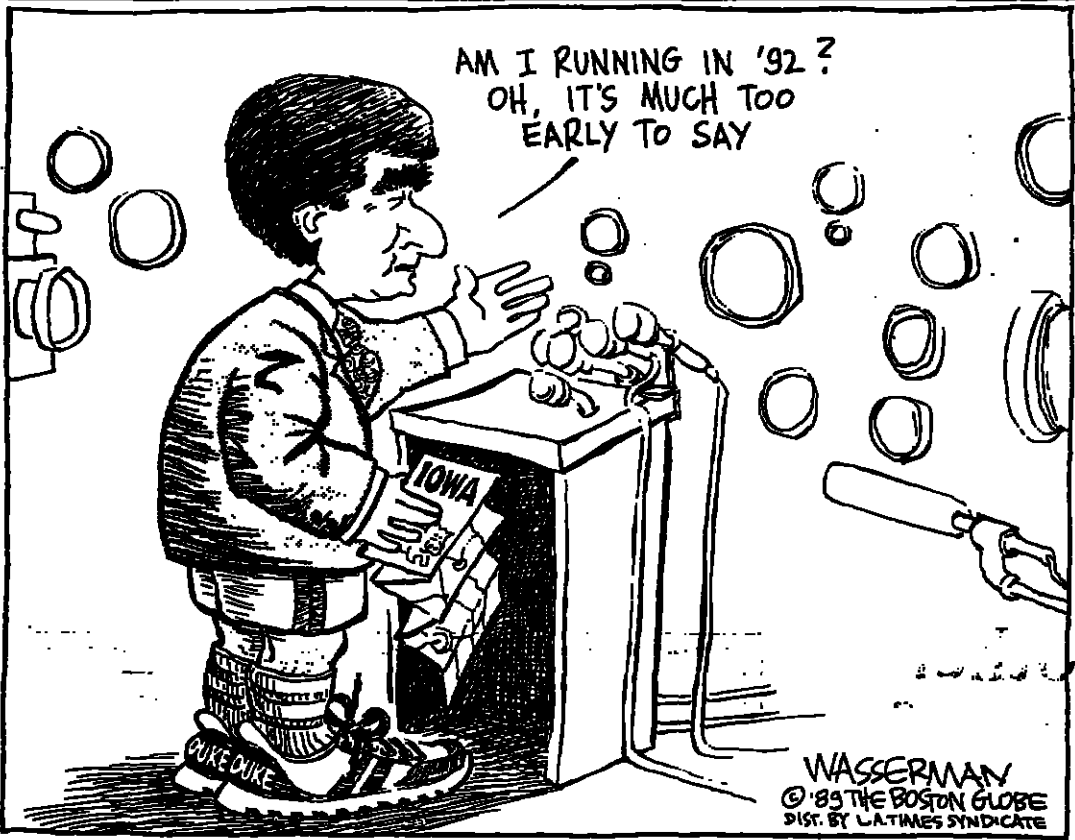
"We are worried about the declining morality," said Lu Zhenyuan, an official in charge of sex education at Canton's Education Bureau. "Some students aged 13 or 14 become interested in the opposite sex, fall in love early, and get pregnant." Lu said, attributing the problem to explicit "love stories" in movies, books, and on TV.

Profile

Moreover, thousands of Canton students drawn by the profits of private business are dropping out of school each year to work with the dropout rate hitting 20 per cent at some schools. Hence today's popular saying: "Study is useless."

Some youths who fail at business turn to crime. China's juvenile crime rate has risen sharply and criminal gangs are active in several big cities, according to official reports.

The Christian Science Monitor.



Absence of Botha creates uncertainty and confusion

By Jonathan Sharp

CAPE TOWN, (Reuters): The oppressive heatwave that engulfed Cape Town last week as the 1989 session of the South African Parliament began was accompanied by uncertainty and confusion over where the country was heading.

President P.W. Botha, who normally tells South Africans what the answers are, was not forthcoming and remained unseen and unheard in his hillside residence.

Puzzle

The man who has dominated — some would say intimidated — South African politics for 11 years was recuperating from a stroke on Jan 18 that felled him and stunned his countrymen.

Ill but by no means paralysed, Botha produced a shock on Feb 2 when he resigned as head of the

National Party that has run South Africa since 1948 but stayed on as head of state.

A tantalising clue to the puzzle of how long Botha can stand the burdens of office came in the signature on the letter announcing his resignation from party leadership. It was a curiously faltering version of the bold signature it once was.

Droves of foreign reporters who descended on Cape Town for an annual session of government briefings on the state of the nation were given a few hints on what was going on behind the scenes.

"P.W." as he is known to friend and foe alike, was in bad shape immediately after a stroke but was making a remarkable recovery, they were told. His speech had not been affected, they learnt heavily on a stick.

The important questions such

as how long he would stay in office, when parliamentary elections would be held and, most important, who was actually running the country, were met with mostly non-committal answers.

Absence

Constitutional Planning Minister Chris Heunis is acting president in Botha's absence but the man to watch is F.W. de Klerk, the genial education minister who is the new head of the National Party and widely assumed to become the next head of state.

De Klerk was elected party leader in what by all accounts was an extraordinary session of the National Party caucus.

The 130 members of parliament at the meeting were given no notice of Botha's resignation and were told to elect a new leader without the drawn-out debate and jockeying for position that normally attends South African transitions of power.

"We were almost literally locked in. It was very tense but the party closed ranks immediately," said one nationalistic member of parliament. "We are obviously in a transition period and I can see it ending only one way. The odds are on 'F.W.' (De Klerk) being president by the end of the year," a senior foreign diplomat said.

Loser

The big loser was Foreign Minister P.W. Botha, whom polls show to be one of South Africa's most popular politicians but who was knocked out in the first round of balloting, receiving a meagre 16 votes.

"I was just not good enough," Botha told reporters afterwards, keeping his real thoughts to himself.

Nationalist members explained the foreign minister's poor showing by saying he was a loner who had no appetite for the political camaraderie that earned votes in a snap ballot.

De Klerk moved quickly to make his mark by a speech in parliament that had a liberal leaning belying his reputation as being on the conservative side of his party.

By Catherine Arndt

BOSTON, (Reuters): Since the heady days when he held a 17-point lead over US presidential rival George Bush, Michael Dukakis has suffered personal and public setbacks that could end his life in politics.

Last month the former Democratic presidential nominee announced he would not run for a fourth term as governor of Massachusetts and on Monday, he revealed that his wife, Kitty, was being treated for alcohol abuse.

Kitty Dukakis never drank to excess before election day, he told reporters. But her depression over his defeat made her vulnerable to a dependency she appeared to have conquered in 1983 when she overcame a 26-year amphetamine addiction.

"A combination of physical exhaustion, the stress of the campaign effort and the post-election letdown all combined to create a situation in which, on a limited number of occasions while at home, she has used alcohol in excessive quantities," the governor said in a sombre statement.

Troubled

A close family friend, Sandy Bakalar, said in a newspaper interview that Kitty was troubled by her husband's loss and would ask her: "How long does it take, Sandy? How long?"

"It's a terrible blow, a terrible letdown. Both she and Michael are still working out the loss," said Bakalar.

The Atlanta nominating convention last July now appears to have been the zenith of Dukakis' political life. He emerged with a 17-point lead in the opinion polls

Setbacks could end Dukakis' life in politics

and looking likely to capture the White House, which had eluded Democrats since 1976.

But when Bush in the following weeks launched a media blitz depicting Dukakis as soft on crime, weak on defence and lacking in patriotism, the governor remained reserved, failing to hit back. His lack of response gave credence to the charges.

That political error was confirmed by his 56 to 43 per cent loss to Republican Bush in the Nov 8 elections. The three-term governor returned to his Boston state house office, beginning what now appears to be an unchecked free-fall.

Dukakis' personal distress was not helped by other setbacks: the troubled state economy, which he had once touted as the "Massachusetts miracle," and a model for the nation with its low unemployment, high salaries and growing high technology firms.

Now the computer industry is in a slump, manufacturing firms have made cutbacks and a recent Labour Department study showed Massachusetts losing jobs faster than any other state. State legislators who held back dissent during the presidential race, have been blaming a growing state budget deficit on Dukakis' absence during the 18-month campaign when the state was run largely by a team of his trusted aides.

Dukakis' proposal last month

to close the \$636 million deficit with \$735 million in new taxes unleashed harsh attacks from once-loyal Democrats and from Republicans.

"There's enormous anger out there at the governor and (state) government," said Patricia McGovern, who chairs the state Senate's Ways and Means Committee that handles taxation. "They're angry at the tax recommendation, the spending in the budget and some even because he lost the presidential bid."

Antipathy

"I've not encountered this kind of antipathy in 12 years in the legislature. It's an astonishing thing," said longtime Dukakis supporter and fellow legislator, a state representative.

When Dukakis announced he would not run for re-election in 1990, he did not close the door on another for the White House in 1992. "Public policy and public service is what I'm all about," he said when questioned about another bid.

But National Democratic Party leaders are unlikely soon to forget the bitter disappointment at a missed opportunity to win the presidency.

"The problem with the Democratic Party this year was the person at the top of the ticket," said Gerald Austin, political consultant who ran Jesse Jackson's primary races. "It was a badly run campaign."

Illegal immigrants face caning in Singapore

By Ajoy Sen

SINGAPORE, (Reuters): As darkness falls, junkies ferry illegal immigrants in search of attractive wages and a good life, to prosperous Singapore.

Many of the boats come from Johore Bahru in Malaysia and after a 20-minute journey they arrive on Singapore's deserted beaches, where trucks hired by labour contractors whisk the aliens away to building sites and ship repair yards.

Some of the labourers, lured by the prospect of earning up to 20 dollars (\$10) a day, smuggle themselves in boats of cars or come armed with forged work permits issued by syndicates for up to 1,000 dollars (\$500) a permit.

To stop the growing influx of immigrants, Singapore last month passed a law making foreigners who illegally enter the country or overstay beyond 90 days liable to three strokes of the cane and three months in jail.

Jail

The Immigration Amendment Bill 1989 also threatens employers of illegal immigrants with up to two years in jail and a fine of 6,000 dollars (\$3,000). Officials said factory owners, hit by an acute labour shortage, risked the sanctions to get needed workers from bogus employment agencies.

"We are in trouble," said a building contractor. "Our applications to hire foreign workers are rejected and there are not enough Singaporeans to do the work."

The foreign workers who come mainly from impoverished regions in Malaysia, Thailand, India, and Bangladesh are hired

with little questions asked and some employers even provide them with free board and lodging.

Tourists

Singapore, which annually draws more than four million tourists, says it does not wish to see any more of the unwanted guests.

They posed a threat to society because they were not subjected to medical checks or official inquiries necessary to weed out known criminals, said senior Minister of State for Home Affairs Lee Boon Yang.

More than 4,000 illegal immigrants were arrested last year compared with 3,500 in 1987. Hundreds were detained last month.

Lawyers said the new law carried a reduced prison term to spare Singapore's jails, stretched to accommodate those aliens already sentenced.

The government annually spends 9.4 million dollars (\$4.7 million) to keep more than 1,100 illegal immigrants in jail. They make up almost 17 per cent of the prison population.

The old law prescribed a jail term of up to two years and a fine of up to 5,000 Singaporean dollars for an illegal immigrant or his employer.

Caning was a more effective way to ease the problem, Lee said.

"We want to deliver a clear signal: don't come here to try your luck at breaking our laws and don't come here to try your luck with our courts hoping that you could get off with a light sentence," he said.

The new law has been criticised in some quarters. Caning is barbaric, one ruling-party politician said.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1589 — Duke of Mayenne enters Paris and is declared Lieutenant General of the kingdom by the Catholic League.
- 1677 — England's King Charles II announces he has made alliance with Dutch against France.
- 1763 — Peace treaty of Hubertusberg between Prussia and Austria.
- 1798 — Roman Republic is proclaimed by French after capture of Rome, and Pope Pius VI refuse to surrender temporal power and leaves Rome for Valence.
- 1806 — Franco-Prussian Treaty against Britain, whereby Prussia closes her ports to British ships.
- 1894 — France and Germany reach agreement on boundaries between French Congo and Cameroons.
- 1897 — Allied powers land forces on Crete.
- 1898 — US battleship Maine is blown up in Havana, Cuba, harbour.
- 1942 — Singapore surrenders to Japanese forces in World War II.
- 1944 — US troops complete reconquest of Solomon Islands in Pacific Ocean in World War II; nearly 1,000 British bombers pound Berlin, Germany.
- 1965 — China's Foreign Minister Chen Yi says in Beijing that peaceful co-existence with United States is out of the question.
- 1970 — Israeli oil pipeline is opened, linking Eilat to Ashkelon.
- 1973 — United States and Cuba sign agreement calling for prosecution or extradition of hijackers of airplanes and ships.
- 1978 — Agreement is announced in Rhodesia to bring blacks into key roles in government of Prime Minister Ian Smith.
- 1986 — Philippines National Assembly officially proclaims Ferdinand Marcos as president for another six years, after all opposition members walk out in protest.
- 1988 — Austria's President Kurt Waldheim, accused of having Nazi past, flatly rejects widespread calls for his resignation.

SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT ON PERFUME

By Pat Richardson

THERE'S far more to choosing a fragrance than sniffing a bottle and saying "I'll take it" or splashing on your best friend's favourite and hoping it will smell the same on you. It won't.

What suits one woman won't always suit another. Every fragrance is altered by the skin chemistry of the person who wears it. That's why each one smells different on you and on me and on her. It's also why no perfume smells the same on any of us as it does in the bottle.

To choose a perfume, you must first use it. You mustn't choose one in too much of a hurry, either. This is because the composition of a fragrance is a merging of three distinct phases — known to perfumers as the top note, base note and heart. The ingredients in each, and the balance between them, distinguish one perfume from another.

Once on your skin, each phase must have time to develop and this can take up to half an hour. What's more, you shouldn't try to test too many at any one time. Three is the most an untrained nose can cope with at one go. So haunt one of the perfumery departments. Dab or spray on just three you think you'll like, then walk away. Keep sniffing — every 5-10 minutes, as the fragrance works through its phases.

The winner is the one which stays true and still suits you

Some basic rules, some sensuous ideas on perfume

when the 30 minutes are up. If you don't find one the first time, try three more another day. And don't buy unless you're absolutely sure — good fragrance is expensive!

Make it last
Perfume deteriorates when exposed to light or air. Store it in a cool, dark place and use it up quickly. It does not improve with keeping, so don't save it for special occasions. If you want to display the empty bottle, just refill it with coloured water.

● Pure perfume is the strongest form of fragrance, the longest-lasting, and the most expensive. During the manufacturing process its concentration can be diluted by the addition of alcohol, to produce less costly (and less lasting) echoes of the original: Eau de Parfum, Eau de Toilette and Eau de Cologne — the last being the most dilute.

● As perfume itself is a pricey purchase, it makes sound sense to buy your choice in a less expensive version as well, or instead — one you can use more lavishly.

● Another way to spread the fragrant message of your favourite without breaking your budget is by "layering." This simply means using products which are perfumed to match — soap, bath or shower gel, body lotion, bath

or body oils and dusting powder.

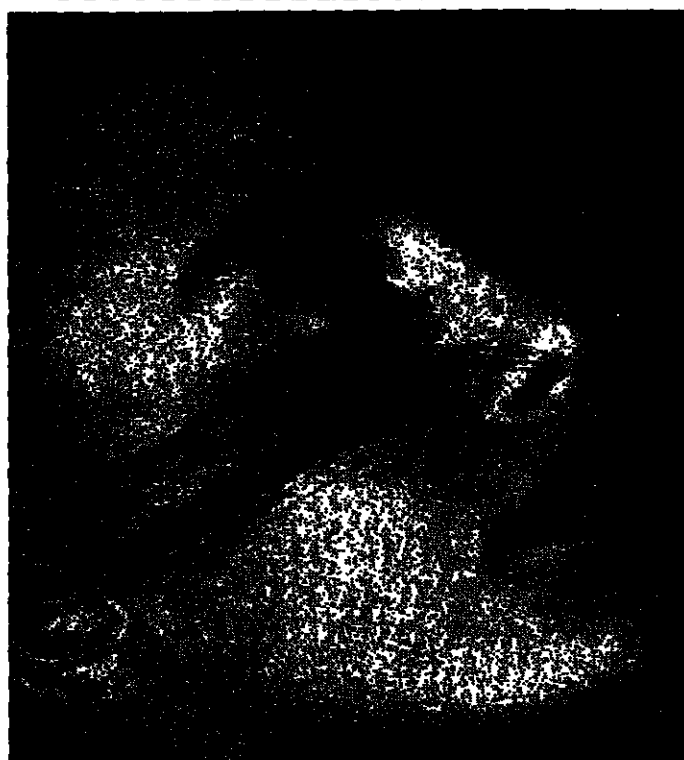
● And where should you wear it? Dab or spray perfume on to your pulse points — inside wrists and elbows, at backs of knees, on either side of throat and temples, between breasts — anywhere where your body warmth will release the fragrance. Or, as the great Coco Chanel said, "Wear perfume wherever you'd like to be kissed."

What makes a perfume?
Creating a successful new perfume can take many years. Each is a blend of ingredients — maybe as many as 200 — and some are from surprising sources. Plant extracts predominate, taken not only from flowers but also fruit, seeds, leaves, stems, bark, wood and roots.

A number of culinary herbs and spices are used, too — vanilla, cloves, sage, coriander, even coffee beans. Animal oils — extracts of musk, civet and ambergris — may act as fixatives. And synthetic compounds — or aldehydes — are common, too, to replace rare or expensive natural ingredients, to recreate the fragrance of those flowers which don't yield an essential oil, and even to produce entirely new odours.

Some of the most successful scents of all time were created a great many years ago:

Fancy a new fragrance? Choosing a perfume which really suits you and your lifestyle can be a hit-and-miss affair. Here are some basic rules, some sensuous ideas.



Every fragrance is altered by the skin chemistry of the person who wears it.

Guerlain's Jicky dates from 1889; Mitsouko from 1919; Lanvin's Arpege from 1927; and Nina Ricci's L'Air du Temps from 1948. And yet, every new year brings new fragrance choices.

Which is for you?
1985 saw the birth of Dior's blockbuster, Poison. Nina, by Nina Ricci; Montana, by Claude Montana; Byzance by Rochas and Ma Liberté by Jean Patou have all made their grand debut in the past few years.

With so many fragrances, old and new, to choose from, how do you make the difficult

choice of the right perfumes for you? First, find your family. Fragrances fall into several distinct groups. If you find one or two which suit you within one group, chances are that there will be others in the same group which you'll like, too. But don't limit yourself — switch your scents to suit your mood, the season, the time of day, what you're wearing, who you're with...

Florals
This is the biggest and best-loved fragrance family of all. It includes single-note flower fragrances, and multi-floral blended bouquets. These are fragrances for the young-at-heart, the romantic, the woman in love. Choose from: Barynia by Helena Rubinstein; Beautiful by Estée

Lauder; Blue Grass by Elizabeth Arden; Chloé by Parfums Lagerfeld; Cristalle by Chanel; Ivoire de Balmain; Jardins de Bagatelle by Guerlain; L'Air du Temps by Nina Ricci; Le Jardin by Max Factor; Ombre Rose by Jean-Charles Brossard; Paris by Yves Saint Laurent; Tea Rose from the Perfumers' Workshop; Oscar de la Renta; A Touch of Class by Faberge.

Moderns

This group has one of the world's most famous fragrances, Chanel No. 5, at its head, and dates from 1921 when it was created. Then, for the first time, synthetic compounds — or aldehydes — were used in the making of a perfume. This discovery gave rise to a chic and sophisticated family — so it's got to be your ideal choice if you are chic and sophisticated! Choose from: Arpege by Lanvin; Calandre by Paco Rabanne; Caleche by Hermès; Chamade by Guerlain; Chanel No. 5; Le Dix by Balenciaga; L'Interdit by Givenchy; Mademoiselle Rochas by Rochas; Rive Gauche by Yves Saint Laurent.

Chypres

This family, which takes its name from a fragrance created by Coty in 1917, also uses aldehydes, but is richer, warmer and more sensuous, with great staying power. This could be your sort of scent if you like fragrant, lasting luxury. Choose from: Azzaro by Loris Azzaro; Cabochard by Gres; Femme by Rochas; Ma Griffe by Carven; Miss Dior by Dior; Mitsouko by Guerlain; Parure by Guerlain; Quadrille by Balenciaga.

Greens

This is a small family of fresh, clean-smelling scents — many with a unisex appeal. If you like these, you'll probably also like some men's — especially those with a citrus note. Greens are for fresh-air, outdoor girls, confident individuals who like to do the unexpected; who feel they don't have to emphasise their femininity all the time. Choose from: Amazone by Hermès;

Givenchy III; Vent Vert by Balmain; Y by Yves Saint Laurent.

Oriental

These are easily recognised as a separate family by their heavy, yet sweet undertones and very long-lasting effect. They are not for the timid, nor are they to be worn on a bright summer's day; save them for dressed-up evening events. These are the ideal choice for

the confident woman — the true "signature" scents. Choose from: Opium by Yves Saint Laurent; Shalimar by Guerlain.

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Who wears what?

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4. Spray cologne on underside of wooden book shelves; wood holds scent for ages!
5. Store scented soap, unwrapped in lingerie.
6. Spray tights from waist to knees.
7. Dab cologne on a sheet of plain-bond paper; let dry; keep it in your attache case under business papers.
8. Pick up corners of rugs and carpets; spray underside with cologne.
9. Saturate lace hankie, let dry ... tuck in corner of your purse.
10. Put all your empty perfume bottles and stoppers in bureau drawers; throw out only when all traces of fragrance have vanished.
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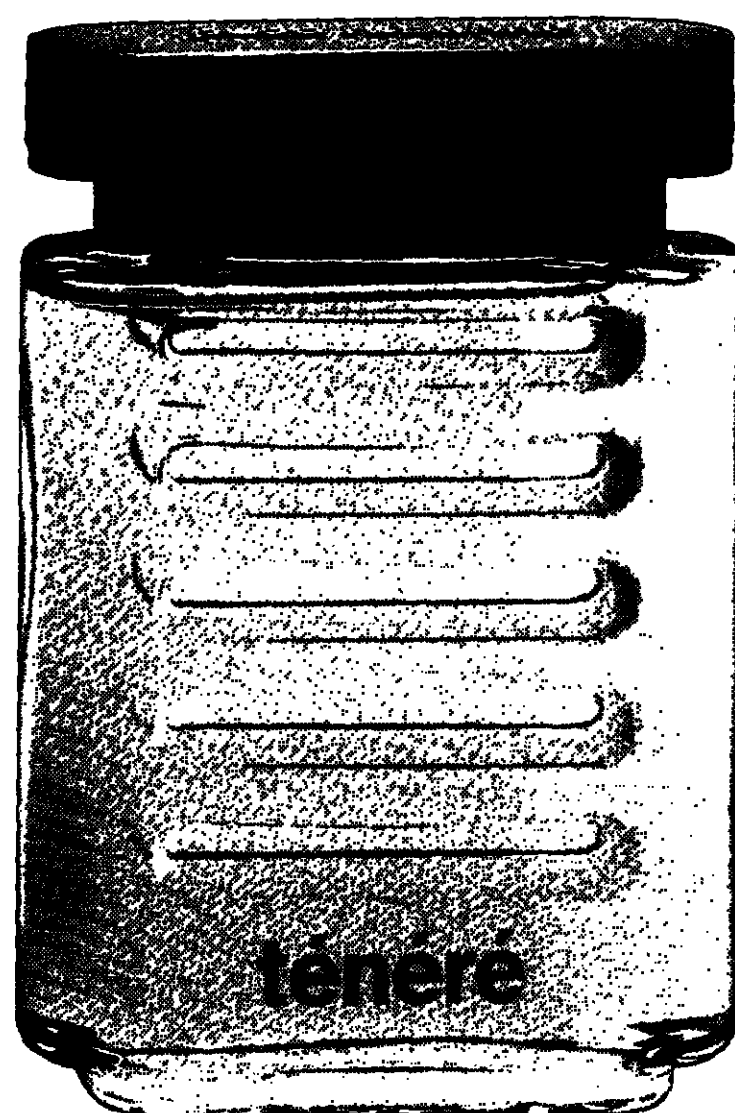
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VIDEO CORNER

Brilliant effects in Toon town

By Gail Seery

ONCE in a while a film comes out, and is surrounded by so much hype and pr. that it is impossible to form a clear unbiased view. *Jaws* was launched this way, as was *Star Wars*, and more recently, *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*.

The latter film has attracted a great deal of acclaim, and for this reason I avoided it until now—I wanted to make up my own mind without being influenced by what I'd read.

At first viewing the film looks pretty good—mind you, I'd just sat through *Feds*, which didn't take much beating. At second sight, some of the inadequacies come through.

This is a film which starts with special effects, and stops there. No-one would deny it's a nice idea to create Toons as viable and separate entities, and the interplay of the human actors, led by Bob Hoskins and Christopher Lloyd, with the Toons is brilliant. Where is the story though? The plot is so flimsy, and too familiar to be thoroughly convincing.

Bob Hoskins plays Eddie Valiant, a hard drinking private detective, cast very much in the Bogart mode, who has developed an aversion to Toons, after one dropped a piano on his brother's head—of course, whereas Roger Rabbit can stand having a fridge

dropped on his head countless times because he is a Toon, Valiant's brother didn't survive.

Valiant is not too pleased therefore to be hired to do a little snooping into the relationship that has been developed between Toon town owner Marvin Acme and Roger Rabbit's wife Jessica.

When Acme is murdered, by having a piano dropped on his head, the first suspect is naturally Roger, and despite his hatred for Toons, Valiant finds himself drawn into first biding the fugitive and protecting him from the arbitrary system of justice which operates in Toon town, and then tracking

down the real killer.

This film is definitely worth seeing, but its full merit lies in the brilliance of its construction, rather than in its storyline.

Sadly this cannot be said of *Married to the Mob*. This film is billed as a comedy, but I didn't find it funny, and honestly can say I didn't laugh once, though I'm assured there were jokes—it's just that they weren't very good ones.

Michelle Pfeiffer plays Angela de Marco, wife of a gangster, and doesn't like her husband's job. The husband is gunned down by his boss, Tony Russo, who makes a very definite pass at Angela after the funeral.

eral.

Tony's wife is not too happy about that, and even though Angela flees to a downmarket neighbourhood, is convinced that she is having an affair with Tony, who in turn is busily tracking Angela down.

Just to complicate the issue further, the FBI identify her as a key person in bringing Tony Russo to justice. She falls for the FBI officer investigating the case, and the whole thing degenerates further. This film is not funny, but sad, and the only remarkable thing in the whole film is that Tony's wife is played by a woman called Mercedes. Who would name their daughter after a car?

Letters from Vietnam

By Brian Hollis

ONE of the most talked about made-for-TV movies of 1988 was *Dear America—Letters from Vietnam*. In fact it was so successful that it was released theatrically after its debut on Home Box Office.

Dear America tells the story of the Vietnam conflict through the letters sent home by the soldiers, whether to family, friends or sweethearts. As the letters are read out loud (by some very well known actors including Tom Berenger, Martin Sheen, Kathleen Turner etc.), the scenes are re-enacted by a group called the Vietnam Veterans Theatre. Thus, we have search and destroy missions, jungle patrols, senseless bombardments and killings, but also the bright lights of Hanoi and the breathtaking dawn scenery along the Mekong Estuary. At the same time, the letters follow the chronological development of the war, and are interspersed with usually incorrect statements and forecasts from the likes of General Westmoreland, Johnson and Nixon. To bring the war even closer to home, the fate of the letter writers is also detailed, and the viewer is left with a much more lasting and personalised impression than is given by most Vietnam films.

Meanwhile, next door in Kampuchea, *Letters from Vietnam* is again in action in *The Commander*. Colby is a mercenary—the best and most dangerous that money can buy. A lord of the criminal underworld hires Colby to overthrow a Kampuchean despot who controls a powerful drug ring. The job seems straightforward, but gradually Colby begins to suspect that the whole mission is a giant trap.

More action is provided in post-nuclear holocaust movie *Empire of the Ash*, another Mad Max and heavy metal special. The plot, what there is of it, revolves around two groups of warriors both searching for uncontaminated bodies, whose blood they need to keep

alive. The Lards (men with sheets over their heads) are chased by thugs posing as government officials (or vice versa). A female rebel is captured and used to wipe out a group of Lards, and full scale battle ensues, with plenty of shooting, shouting and shafting. All this, coupled with some pretty scenery, terrible acting and heavy metal soundtrack, lasts about two hours, if you can stand the pace.

The Trouble with Dick is that his landlady and her daughter can't get enough, but that doesn't necessarily lead to a very funny movie. Dick is a sci-fi writer forced to search for new lodgings, who finds himself in a luxurious house inhabited by an attractive landlady and her horny daughter. Before he can open his typewriter he gets his hands on the daughter, and inevitably the mother. His mind begins to wander and all his sci-fi ideas dry up. When the landlady announces that she has sold the house and he must leave, his old friend (Susan Dey from L.A. Law) comes to his rescue in the nick of time. Apart from some witty moments of sci-fi spoofery, this exercise in amateur psychology doesn't quite make it.

For tennis fans, the final of the Australian Open is now available, and rugby fans are able to pick up the international, alas, the week after they are played.

Children can watch a new Bugs Bunny release *Hare-raising Hare* or another Tom and Jerry thriller *Missing House*.

The above films are by courtesy of VFI Fintias/Farwanjiya; Video Naut, Tel: 2432809; and Video Club, Salmiya, Tel: 5724372.

Young Artists exhibition

AN exhibition of paintings and drawings by children in Kuwait will open today at the Dahiyat Abdullah Al Salem gallery. Entitled the "Young Artists" exhibition, it has been organised by the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters. It will be open daily from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 8 pm, until Feb 23.

KALPAK to hold variety show

THE Kerala Art and Literature Promoting Association in Kuwait (KALPAK) will hold a variety show on March 3 at the Indian Embassy hall. The programme starts at 4.30 pm. The show will mark the inauguration of the association.

★ All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.



Scenes from The Commander

Red Army Choir to perform in Kuwait

ABOUT 60 members of the Soviet Red Army Choir will present Cossack dancing, ballet, folk, choral and orchestral music at two concerts in Kuwait next month.

The group, which will be touring the Gulf in March, will give concerts on March 4/5 at Andalus Cinema.

The ensemble was formed in 1973 and is involved in the training of other troupes within the Soviet Army. It consists of three separate groups: choir,

orchestra and dance group.

Since its formation, it has given more than 1,500 concerts before 500,000 people in the Soviet Union, Europe and America.

Their repertoire includes

classical and modern songs and dances, composed by both Soviet and Western composers. During the Kuwaiti concert, there will be a live orchestra in addition to dancers and singers.



The Red Army Choir

WHAT'S ON

LECTURES

A series of lectures will be given by visiting Swedish Arabist Professor Bengt Knutsson next week. The programme is as follows:

FEB 18 (6.30 pm): A lecture in Arabic on "Early Relations between the Vikings and the Arabs One Thousand Years Ago" at the National Museum.

FEB 19 (6 pm): Lecture on Swedish Arab Relations Over the Centuries at the Faculty Members Club, Kuwait University, Shuwaikh.

FEB 20 (6 pm): A talk on Arabic and Islamic Studies at the Swedish Universities Faculty Members Club.

FEB 21 (6 pm): A lecture on Swedish-Arab Encounter and Poetry, Faculty Members Club.

FEB 22 (6 pm): A recital of Swedish poetry translated into Arabic will be held at the Kuwait Writers Association, Adiyah.

SOCIAL

German-Speaking Cultural Association

FEB 15, 8 pm. A fancy dress party and tombola with attrac-

tive prizes will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Al Andalus Club. All members of the German-speaking community and their guests are welcome. Tickets available at German embassy, German school and library and for late-comers at the Andalus on Feb 15.

Kuwait Rondels

FEB 16: The Kuwait Rondels Grand Ball '89 will be held at the Messilah Beach Hotel. For reservations contact Tel: 5337597.

Flying Arrows

FEB 16: The Flying Arrows Sporting Centre will celebrate its 10th anniversary/Valentine's Day at the SAS Tent. Music will be by the Stepping Stones and Perfect Strangers. For details contact 2432791/5721824.

Charity Bazaar

The Kuwait Society for the Handicapped will hold a charity bazaar at its premises, behind Andalus Cinema, Cairo Street. All proceeds will go to the care of the disabled children in Kuwait. It will be open, during working hours, for a week at the Society's premises.

Goan Show

FEB 17: The Goan community will celebrate the Nehru Centenary at the IAC. Three one-act plays will be staged at the IAC: (1) Bebie and Dodel,

an English play by Dr Gerry Rodrigues; (2) Bad Luck by N.G.O.A.; and On Credit by the Goan Cultural Society, both Konkani plays. Music will be by Cajetan/Marcus/Xavier. For details tel: 2644983; 2413348.

Bangladesh Association

FEB 23: The association will hold a discussion followed by a cultural programme to mark the Martyr's Day (Shaheed Dibosh) at the Bangladesh embassy premises in Jabriya. All Bangladeshis are invited.

Dance Recital

FEB 23 (6.30 pm): A well-known Indian classical dancer Dr Padma Subramanyam will give a Bharata Natya (dance-ballet) recital.

FEB 25 (6 pm): Dr. Padma will give a solo-recital called "Jatya Moksham," danced to Tchaikovsky's music. The recital has been organised as part of the Nehru Centenary celebration. Both performances will be held at the IAC. Funerals. For entry passes contact 3904817.

Gayathri Arts

FEB 25: 10 - 5 pm. The Gayathri Arts organisation for arts and sports will hold a social event to celebrate the Nehru Centenary. Indoor games and competition will be held at the Indian Embassy Hall.

Kuwait Welsh Society

MARCH 1 (Wednesday): St David's Day buffet-dance will be held at the Messilah Beach Hotel at 8 pm. Tickets—KD 6. For reservations phone 3713467.

KAPILKU Night

MARCH 3: The Association of Filipinos in Kuwait will hold KAPILKU night at Holiday Inn Hotel, Al Andalus Club, from 5.00 pm to 10.00 pm. A sing-a-like contest and the Bagong Kampeon (a singing contest) will be held. The top three in both categories will receive valuable prizes. Snacks and drinks will be served. Entrance fee: KD 2. For details contact Sarah on Tel: 4843447.

Gala Dinner

MARCH 9: The Great Ormond Street Hospital Gala Dinner will be held at 8 pm. For details call 4831339; 5393151.

British Tea Party

MARCH 10: The British Tea Party/Annual Fun Day will be held from midday with fun stalls, animals, paintings competition, children's superstar contest, soccer and basketball, Leo's magic and other events. For details phone 5624111 ext 751/739.

CINEMA

French Film Festival

The Kuwait Cine Club and

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran
9.10 Good Morning
9.15 Cartoon serial
9.45 World News via Satellite

10.00 Al Thaman: Arabic serial; Starring: Jamil Awadh, Juliet Awadh, Ruhi Al Salfi, Iman Kamel.

10.50 News Summary/Good Morning

11.00 Khalati Qamasha: local Arabic serial; starring Khalid Al Nafisi, Hayat Al Fahad, Suad Abdullah, Ghanem Al Saleh, Maryam Ghadban, Ali Mufedi.

12.00 International Circus
1.00 News Summary
1.05 Holy Quran/Closedown

EVENING

4.00 Holy Quran
4.15 World News via Satellite

4.45 Cartoon serial
5.15 Thousand and One Nights

5.45 Ibn Atiyya: historical serial; starring Majed Alfiouni, Shafiq Hassan, Marcel Mariani

6.15 With Students
7.00 News Summary
7.30 Cultural Show
8.30 Good Evening

KTV 2

9.00 News in Arabic
9.50 Al Baharat Al Marrahi: Arabic serial, starring Hassan Abideen, Ahmad Maher, Muna Jabar, Fatima Tabae, Mohammad Rida and Anwar Ismael.

10.50 Aghniyat Fi Al Tamaniyat: variety show. Tonight's guests are singers Abdullah Al Ruwaid and Abdul Majid Abdullah.

12.30 News Summary
12.35 World News via Satellite/Holy Quran/Closedown

3.00 Opening and Holy Quran

3.10 Cartoons
3.30 Live telecast of the football match between Al Kuwait and Al Fahaheel

5.30 Documentary
6.30 Emma and Grandpa: a series for children, based on the story of a seven-year-old girl and her relationship with her grandfather.

7.00 Prestige: "Sunshine on the Way". A nurse proposes the establishment of a jazz band.

7.30 Mutual of Omaha:

"Lemurs of Madagascar"

8.00 News in English
8.50 Matlock: "The People vs Matlock". Matlock is accused of bribing an official during a trial. Starring: Andy Griffith.

9.30 The Cosby Show: "Home for ...". Huatable's daughter comes home to spend a weekend. Comedy.

10.10 People Do the Craziest Things

10.30 Feature film: "Murder with Mirrors". Starring: Helen Hayes, Leo McKern, Bette Davis. Charming, high-grade mystery with Hayes as sleuth Ms Jane Marple. McKern plays the canny inspector, investigating a case at Bette's mansion. Director: Dick Lowry, 104 minutes.

12.35 News Summary/News Summary followed by Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

Note: An interview with the British Foreign Secretary, William Waldegrave, may be shown.

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

BBC World Services

0600 Newswest
30 Omnitel

0100 News Summary followed by Outlook

25 Financial News
30 How It All Began

45 The Sound of Scotland
30 Meridian

1200 Newswest
15 They Make Our World

25 The Farming World
45 Sports Roundup

1300 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary

30 Development '88
1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News

45 Business Matters
1500 Newswest

15 The Learning World
30 King Street Journal (weekdays)

1600 World News
15 The Learning World

45 The World Today

0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary

30 Development '88
0800 World News

09 Words of Faith
15 Business Matters

30 Quota, Unquote
0900 World News

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CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus

Lethal Weapon

Al Jahra

Al Salmiya

Arabic play

Al Hamra

Youn Mir Youm Helu

(Arabic)

Starring: Faten Hamama, Mohammad Munir

Drive-In

Ya Azzizi... (Arabic)

Starring: Laila Alwi, Saeed Saleh, Osama Abbas

Al Firdous

Joshilay (Hindi)

Starring: Anil Kapoor, Sridevi, Sunny Deol, Meenakshi

Fahaheel Open-Air

Kanoun ke Dushman

(Hindi)

Al Fahaheel

Uroos Min Dimishq

(Arabic)

Al Jahra

Suicide Force

Granada

Al Sharidah (Arabic)

SalaBikhat

Oru Muthasi Katha

Al Jeeb

Steel Dawn

Ahmad Drive-In

Al Khadimah (Arabic)

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Central banks must focus attention on inflation, says Poehl

BASLE, Switzerland, Feb 14, (Reuters): Central banks from major industrialised countries are paying more attention to inflation but believe they have the problem under control, the chairman of West Germany's Bundesbank, said yesterday.

"We really have to focus on inflation but the markets know all central banks — Britain, the United States, Germany, and France — have kept inflation and inflationary expectations so far in a firm grip," Karl-Otto Poehl told journalists.

He said foreign exchange rates were also an important consideration for central bankers in their policy-making.

Poehl, who chairs the central bank committee of the group of 10 countries, was speaking after the group's regular monthly meeting at the Basle-based Bank for International Settlements.

Speculation

His remarks came amid mounting speculation that US authorities may have to tighten monetary policy following more signals of domestic inflationary pressure and last Friday's US bank prime rate rise to 11 percent from 10.5 percent.

Speculation about higher US interest rates buoyed the dollar, which closed firmer in Europe at around 1.8700 marks, up from Friday's closing levels around 1.8600 marks.

Last month West Germany led a round of interest rate rises by European central banks aimed at dampening inflationary pressures.

Increases

But Poehl declined to comment on the likelihood of further interest rate increases to fight inflation, saying only that central banks had already adopted "anti-inflationary stances."

"Leading central banks, like the US Fed, the Bundesbank and others, have pursued policies to keep inflationary expectations under control ... since last summer," he said.

Low reserves force Venezuela to accept IMF programme

CARACAS, Feb 14, (Reuters): President Carlos Andres Perez said yesterday that Venezuela had exhausted its cash foreign reserves and the country would be forced to accept an International Monetary Fund (IMF) economic programme.

Perez, who criticised the fund during the presidential campaign last year, said he still believes IMF programmes cause misery.

"I have called the fund an atomic bomb which kills only people," Perez, who took office on Feb 2, told a gathering of media association heads.

Debt

Venezuela's \$32 billion foreign debt is the fourth biggest in Latin America. Until this year, it had been the only leading regional debtor which has been able to reschedule its debt without submitting to a fund adjustment programme.

The President said Venezuela had only foreign reserves in gold left and his government would not touch those.

He said Venezuela will be forced to seek loans from foreign creditors who want to see an IMF programme in place before issuing credits.

Venezuela is seeking about \$4.5 billion from the IMF in the form of a three-year extended fund facility. His economic aides say the country hopes to begin drawing on the credit in May.

South Korea's overseas investment up

SEOUL, Feb 14, (AP): South Korea's overseas investment in January jumped 33.2 per cent from a year earlier, to \$63 billion from \$57 billion, the Bank of Korea reported yesterday.

The central bank said South Korea's overseas investment in January last year was \$47.3 billion in 25 ventures, but that included \$34.7 billion additionally invested by the Pohang Iron and Steel Co. in its US concern.

Most of South Korea's investment in January went to the manufacturing and trading sectors, it said.

Projects

South Korean investors favoured Southeast Asia most, pouring \$30 million into 11 projects. Latin America followed with \$14.7 million in four projects, the bank said.

Cairo ready to consider curbs in oil output

OAPEC almost certain to readmit Egypt

KUWAIT, Feb 14, (Reuters): The Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) is almost certain to readmit Egypt when it meets in Kuwait on May 15, acting secretary-general Abdel Aziz Al Wattari said today.

The move would be another sign of Egypt's rehabilitation in the Arab world after its suspension from the Arab League and other pan-Arab organisations in 1979 because of its peace treaty with Israel.

Conclusion

"Judging from voting records in other organisations on the matter ... it's almost a foregone conclusion that Egypt's membership will be reactivated," Al Wattari told Reuters.

Formed in 1968 to promote joint Arab energy projects, OAPEC groups Algeria, Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria and the United Arab Emirates.

Only Libya, Lebanon and Syria have not restored

diplomatic relations with Egypt since a 1987 Arab summit that gave Arab states the green light to do so.

Al Wattari said the return of Egypt would require support of three-quarters of the membership including two founding members. The same conditions apply to the quorum, so even a boycott of the meeting by Libya and Syria would not block approval.

An OAPEC spokesman said a majority of ministers from member states had agreed to attend.

Ventures

OAPEC states together produce nearly one-fourth of the world's oil. They have formed joint ventures and companies in oil transport, engineering, investment and training to further Arab economic integration.

Egypt is a relatively minor Arab oil exporter with production of around 900,000 barrels daily most of it for domestic use. But as the largest Arab state, it

was an active participant in OAPEC ventures.

Meanwhile, Egypt said today it was willing to consider cutting its oil output and would stick by any pact among other producers outside OPEC to help stabilise the world oil market.

"We are willing to consider any cuts and abide by any agreement reached among the non-OPEC group," Hamed Ayoub, deputy chairman of the Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation (EGPC), told Reuters in a telephone interview.

Leaving

He was speaking before leaving for London to lead Egypt's delegation to next week's scheduled meeting of oil producers outside the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

The talks will be attended by experts from Angola, China, Colombia, Egypt, Malaysia, Mexico and Oman. Observers from the Soviet Union, Norway,

North Yemen, the Canadian province of Alberta and US states of Texas and Alaska are also expected.

Ayoub said that non-OPEC countries agreed last month in London to consider measures to help stabilise world markets.

OPEC introduced new output quotas on Jan 1 for its 13 members which has cut their production by more than 15 per cent.

"There are a variety of measures to be considered including cuts, limiting exports or even capping outputs. It all depends on a general understanding among the participants," Ayoub said.

He added that the non-OPEC experts in London would make recommendations to their ministers, scheduled to meet in March.

He said Egypt's production in recent weeks varied between 870,000 barrels per day (BPD) and 920,000 BPD "but when Egypt gave OPEC its word to curb production we kept the level

at 870,000."

Egypt, which exports about one-third of its production, is selling its top Suez and Ras Bahar grades at \$14.75 a barrel this month.

Restraints

Ayoub said that prices, normally reviewed in the middle of each month, might not be changed until the end of February.

Production restraints remained one of the main discussion points among oil producers, he added.

"The economic situation of each country has to be carefully evaluated. A country relying heavily on oil revenues should not be expected to make drastic cuts," he said.

Ayoub mentioned Colombia as an example of a country which needed huge revenues to overcome economic difficulties following an earthquake last year.

Egypt itself, burdened by \$43 billion of foreign debt, also depends heavily on oil for hard currency earnings.

OPEC must learn lessons from late '70s and pursue its present course

World energy and oil markets in new 'growth cycle'

CAIRO, Feb 14, (OPECNA): Arguing that the world energy and oil markets were now embarked on a new growth cycle marked by a long-term growth trend, a senior OPEC official today said OPEC must "sustain the momentum" by assuring security of supply at an equitable price level.

Dr Taiwo Idemudia, head of the economics section at OPEC's Vienna secretariat, told a symposium on "the world oil situation during the 1990s" that cognizance must be taken of OPEC's expanding oil reserve base and the fact that OPEC states with large deposits believed oil would be in use "in the very long run."

Incentive

It must also be remembered that very high oil prices served as an incentive to non-OPEC oil production growth by making high-cost, high-technology reserves economically efficient to exploit, he observed.

The two-day symposium has been sponsored by the Japanese Institute of Middle Eastern

Economics

Idemudia, who said he was expressing his "personal views" and not necessarily those of OPEC, spelt out two growth scenarios for the world energy market in the 1990s, terming them "moderate" and "crisis."

According to the moderate growth scenario, the OPEC economist argued, world energy demand, rising by 1.8 per cent per year, should reach 115 million barrels of oil equivalent daily (BOED) in 1995 and 126 million BOED in the year 2000. Oil's share would recover slightly to 46.6 per cent of world energy demand and rising by 1.3 per cent yearly, would reach 53.6 million BPD in 1995 and 57.5 million BPD in the year 2000.

Crisis

The "crisis" growth scenario would have world energy demand rise by a yearly average of 2.2 per cent to reach 147.90 million BOED in 1995 and by 1.5 per cent thereon to reach 131.40 million BOED by the end of the

century, with the share of oil remaining stable at about 48.4 per cent of world energy demand during the 1990s. Both scenarios, Idemudia pointed out, would allow both oil and non-oil energy requirements as part of the energy mix to grow, though some oil substitution was "irreversible."

The OPEC expert said until recently there had been a "lack of consensus" on non-OPEC oil supplies, the range varying between what was technically practicable and what was desired. However, there was good reason to believe that non-OPEC oil supply would stabilise at about 29 million BPD from 1990 to 1995 and would probably begin to decline to about 27.50 million BPD by the year 2000.

The projection that the Soviet Union might utilise its abundant gas resources to free more oil for export may not come true, in view of the vast investment capital required for the switch-over. Another imponderable was China's oil production.

Idemudia told the symposium: "Whichever of these scenarios eventually materialises, OPEC has the reserve base to meet the call on its oil. What is needed in the interim is investment to raise the level of sustainable capacity in most member countries, especially the highly-endowed countries," adding that OPEC countries would make the investment as long as the oil market remained on a stable course.

He said OPEC must decide on a strategy that supported a stable oil market while building on the emerging confidence of consumers in the security of OPEC oil supply sources. OPEC must learn lessons from the late 1970s and pursue its present course, namely that of defending the medium-to-long-term market for its oil, he added, observing that the present OPEC strategy, which lay greater emphasis on oil market fundamentals, was "an investment in 'long-term' prosperity."

Idemudia said oil market con-

tinuity was related to the dominance of OPEC's reserves endowment. Estimates of OPEC's share of world oil reserves indicated that out of roughly 761.70 billion barrels of oil, 84 per cent was situated in OPEC countries and as confidence was restored in the industry and exploitation activities revived in OPEC countries, OPEC oil resources would expand further.

Rejection

He said another factor contributing to OPEC's "oil market continuity" was its rejection of its former role of "swing producer." An essential element of the strategy adopted by the organisation was "pragmatism" and pricing policies were now being tailored to the dictates of "market fundamentals."

Idemudia stated that the challenge of the oil market changes anticipated in the next decade required OPEC to take measures to enhance an equitable share of the energy market. He pointed out that OPEC's response to changes in the oil market had been to "reassess the limits of its influence and to concentrate its efforts on where the objective of minimising market fluctuations would best be achieved."

He said OPEC had "gradually begun to focus attention on supply, instead of working to regulate both supply and prices at the same time." He added that "while a fixed price regime is desirable, it is not easy to achieve while administering supply ... that is why OPEC has maintained a target price since 1987" which "could remain as the market price in nominal terms for the first few years of the 1990s."

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gradual 0.125 or 0.25 of a point hikes in the funds rate it has favoured over the last 11 months "have clearly not been enough to slow the economy."

Some economists hope the Fed can avoid a unilateral rate increase and persuade other countries to go along.

Steve Slifer of Shearson Lehman Hutton Inc. said the persuasion should not be too aggressive, given the booming strength of the Japanese economy and the strong trade surplus in West Germany which the Bundesbank may want to contain.

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Bouri oil output below target

NICOSIA, Feb 14, (AP): Production from Libya's offshore Bouri oilfield is an estimated 20,000 barrels a day, less than half the level projected for the end of last year, the Middle East Economic Survey reported today.

The respected oil industry newsletter said the original output rate had been 50,000 barrels a day.

Bouri is Libya's first offshore field and the biggest in the Mediterranean.

The weekly newsletter did not say why production was lagging so badly behind schedule.

Discovered

Bouri was discovered in 1976 in a 1,200-square-mile (3,730-square-kilometre) concession 80 miles (125 kms) northwest of Tripoli. Libya's capital.

The Italian company Agip discovered the field and Libya is supposed to get 81 per cent of the production while the Italian firm gets 19 per cent. In addition, Libyan leader Col Moammar Khaddafi agreed to share part of Libya's take with Tunisia.

Production began last August at 12,000 barrels a day. That was expected to increase to a planned 150,000 barrels a day by 1990 and maintain that rate for 25 years.

World Business Summary

Soviet economy 'in crisis'

MOSCOW, Feb 14, (Reuters): In a startlingly frank criticism of Mikhail Gorbachev, a young Soviet scientist has said the country's economy is in crisis and that the Kremlin leader's "perestroika" may well be doomed to failure. Writing in the Leningrad monthly *Neva*, Sergei Andreyev argues that reform is being deliberately undermined by a vast "new class" of industrial and Communist Party bureaucrats — and that Gorbachev is walking away from the problem. "We must recognise that our economy is in a state of crisis," says Andreyev, an assertion contrasting with Gorbachev's argument that the economy had been in what he called a pre-crisis situation but was now beginning to improve. The "new class," Andreyev said, exercised an effective dictatorship through its control of implementation of top-level decisions and was interested in the preservation of economic chaos without which it could not exist. "Their interests are not those of the state, which means that there is every chance that perestroika will end in failure," wrote Andreyev, a biologist by training who stirred controversy last year with a first article on the "new class." His article appeared in the January edition of *Neva*, which like literary journals in Moscow is providing a forum for a wide range of views, repression of which would have brought prison terms or worse under Gorbachev's predecessors. Senior Soviet economists, including Gorbachev adviser Leonid Abalkin, accept that the economy is going through a difficult period after some 20 years of conservative rule, while arguing that signs of recovery are now apparent. But Andreyev, 34, a consultant in the Siberian oil industry, said that reforms intended to switch factories to self-financing and produce quality goods had been sabotaged and that economic growth was at effective standstill.

Japan's trade surplus widens

TOKYO, Feb 14, (AP): Japan's trade surplus rose from year-earlier figures for the fifth consecutive month in January as low oil prices continued to keep down import costs, the Finance Ministry said today. The surplus grew to \$3.25 from \$3.07 billion in January 1988, but was well below the monthly record of \$9.65 billion set in December. Exports in January rose 11.5 per cent from a year earlier to \$19.32 billion and imports climbed 12.7 per cent to \$16.07 billion. The figures are compiled as the goods pass through customs. Japan's surplus with the United States was \$2.974 billion, down slightly from \$2.976 billion in January 1988. Exports to the US market increased 11.1 per cent to \$6.50 billion, while imports from the United States surged 22.4 per cent to \$3.52 billion. Finance Ministry officials said Japan's overall surplus rose because of steady demand for Japanese goods in other countries enjoying continued economic expansion and because of lower prices for the crude oil Japan imports. They noted, however, that oil prices have been recovering, and the volume of oil imports has been rising, meaning the surplus may stop growing.

JOINT OPERATIONS

Kuwait Oil Company (KSC)/Gerty Oil Company

Joint Operations (Kuwait Oil Company and Gerty Oil Company) announces the bid for

BUILDING MAINTENANCE SERVICES

Companies with previous experience in such services and wishing to participate in this tender, are invited to collect the Bid Documents from Contracts Administration Office at Joint Operations — Wafra, during the official working hours from 7 am to 4:00 pm) not later than March 7, 1989, against a non-refundable payment of KD.50/-.

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B. Requirements

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2. PROCESSING DEPARTMENT HEAD

A. Responsibilities

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B. Requirements

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B. Requirements

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BORTHWICK	490/0	50/0	HEYWOOD W	294/0	294/0	SALE TJMY	236/0	236/0
BR ARROW	117/0	118/0	HICKINS IN	252/0	253/0	SALVESSEN	157/0	159/0
BR ASSETS	79/0	79/0	HIGGS WIL	356/0	355/0	SAVILLE G	50/0	50/0
BR DREDGI	149/0	150/0	HMBRO CJP	64/0	64/0	SAVOY "AA"	863/0	886/0
BR VITA	247/0	247/0	HMBRO DTP	245/0	245/0	SCHRR-GLOB	268/0	268/0
BRENT CHE	142/0	142/0	HNTR SPHR	171/0	171/0	SCOT HERR	183/0	183/0
BRENT WKR	339/0	338/0	HOLMES PR	113/0	113/0	SCOT I.T.	143/0	143/0
BRIDON	197/0	198/0	HOADEN GP	141/0	143/0	SCOT MERT	166/0	167/0
BRITAIN SE	183/0	183/0	HPOKINSON	93/0	93/0	SCOT MORT	117/2	118/0
BRITANNIC	381/0	382/0	HY GROUP	125/0	125/0	SCOT AN.J	99/0	100/0
BRIXTON E	407/0	406/0	ITC, FZ, FD	322/0	323/0	SCT NAT C	40/0	40/0
BROWN SHI	342/0	340/0	IMRY M.DV	430/0	430/0	SCT NAT I	90/0	90/0
BRYANT GP	118/0	119/0	INPDNDT P	15/0	15/0	SCT NAT W	11/4	11/4
BSS INTL	71/6	72/0	INBOO PLC	36/0	36/0	SECS TST	117/0	117/0
BUGGINS	121/0	122/0	INT. BU.CM	140/0	142/0	SELECT AS	85/4	85/4
BULLBOUGH	490/0	488/0	INT. CITY	77/0	78/0	SHANDWICK	506/0	505/0
BULMER HP	171/0	172/0	JHNSN&FIR	51/2	51/4	SHERATON S	80/0	81/0
CATRD GRP	367/0	367/0	JOS HLDGS	136/0	136/0	SHIRE INV	248/0	248/0
CALENDONIA	399/0	398/0	KALAMAZOO	41/0	41/0	SIMON ENG	340/0	339/0
CAMB ELEC	257/0	258/0	KALON GRP	33/4	33/4	SINGERBFR	72/0	72/0
CAMFORD E	231/0	230/0	KATZ ENY	35/4	35/4	SKINER	33/0	33/0
CANNING W	231/0	231/0	KETSON	43/0	43/0	STAND DIF	22/0	22/0
CARLTON ST	290/0	291/0	KLURT CHR	136/4	137/0	SPRING RAM	202/0	202/0
CA, RADIO	652/0	652/0	KLURT O'S	136/4	139/0	SPRX-SARC	220/2	224/0
CARADON	359/0	359/0	KLURT SHL	167/0	167/0	ST.ANDREW	206/0	207/0
CARLEO EN	155/0	154/0	KMKV SAE	406/0	406/0	ST.JMOHEN	40/0	40/0
CAULDE HD	65/0	66/0	KMKF-FIT	112/0	114/0	STAKIS	104/4	104/4
CATTLE	10/4	10/4	LAING 'A'	344/0	343/0	STEETLEY	386/0	386/0
CENT PTV	709/0	708/0	LAING ORD	344/0	343/0	STHEED PR	181/0	180/0
CHAM PHRR	199/0	197/0	LAING PRP	514/0	513/0	STODDARD	54/0	55/0
CHARTERIA	24/2	24/2	LAIRD GRP	259/0	260/0	STONGJWAR	17/4	18/0
CHAS CHUR	76/0	77/0	LANDLEISU	418/0	418/0	STURGE HD	258/0	253/0
CHLORIDE	61/4	62/0	LANNRWE V	141/0	141/0	TELEMETRX	267/0	267/0
CHRISTIES C	703/0	703/0	LDM & MET	190/0	191/0	THAMES TV	447/0	445/0
CHRYSLER	48/0	48/0	LDM ATLAN	252/0	252/0	THOMSON T	88/0	87/0
CNTRL SEC	174/0	183/0	LDM CBL	236/0	236/0	THORNTONS	146/0	146/0
CNTRL OIL	58/0	58/0	LDM SHOP	338/0	338/0	THROUGHT	443/0	443/0
COALITE	367/0	368/0	LDM UTD	133/0	132/0	TI GROUP	431/0	435/0
COALTES BR	327/0	328/0	LONEDIN	140/0	141/0	TIE RACK	97/0	97/0
COLLINS A	731/0	732/0	LEP GROUP	176/0	170/0	TIME PROD	227/0	228/0
COLLINS W	883/0	888/0	LES SERV	360/0	365/0	TIPHOOK	492/0	492/0
COLLOROLL	173/0	174/0	LIFE SCIE	65/0	66/0	TOKINFS	242/0	242/0
COMPAS GR	321/0	324/0	LILLY FJT	61/4	62/0	TOZER KAM	130/0	130/0
CONNELLS	263/0	262/0	LYOYD TNP	206/0	207/0	TR CITY	66/0	66/0
COSTAIN	323/0	326/0	LOGICA	391/0	390/0	TR PACIFIC	66/4	66/4
COURTS FR	192/0	190/0	LOW (WM)	275/0	277/0	TR PESTY	55/0	55/0
COMIE (T)	130/0	130/0	LOWBONNER	262/0	263/0	TR TRSTEE	140/4	140/4
CRA	156/0	157/0	LOWMES	49/0	50/0	TRINOCO	46/0	46/0
CRODN INT	204/0	204/0	M&G GROUP	328/0	329/0	TRIPLEK	196/0	197/0
CRYSTAL	159/0	158/0	M.C.PACIF	218/0	218/0	TRITON ER	146/0	147/0
CRAYATES	263/0	263/0	MACARTY	255/0	254/0	TRITON ER	146/0	147/0
DREAST EST	32/0	32/0	MACFARLINE	205/0	205/0	TRSPRT DV	263/0	263/0
DAVID GOW	170/0	170/0	MA	94/0	95/0	TV SW HLD	74/0	73/0
DAVY CORP	205/0	206/0	MAJEDIE	233/0	233/0	TVS ENT	333/0	334/0
DELTA GRP	310/0	312/0	MANDERS	212/0	213/0	U-BORLAND	78/0	78/0
DEVENISH	323/0	322/0	MARLEY	187/0	189/0	U-BRD ST	36/4	36/4
DEWHIRST	41/4	42/0	MATTHEWS	80/4	80/0	U-BROADW	183/0	183/0
DIPLOMA	220/0	220/0	MAUNDERS	102/0	103/0	U-CIFER	12/0	12/0
DOSBOR PK	100/0	100/0	MECKENHIE	321/0	320/0	U-CITYSVN	129/0	130/0
DOWDINGHM	74/0	74/0	MEHEC	218/0	219/0	U-DEAN&B	166/0	166/0
DOWTY GRP	250/4	251/0	MENZIES	325/0	325/0	U-DEWEY W	106/0	107/0
DRAYTON C	527/0	530/0	MERCH. TST	178/0	178/0	U-DURIAN	59/0	59/0
DRUG	456/0	458/0	MERLIN IN	130/0	130/0	U-EXPLAUR	44/0	44/0
DUKENISTP	74/0	74/0	METAL CLS	202/0	201/0	U-FIELDS	30/0	30/0
DUNDEE LD	297/0	298/0	METALRAX	90/0	90/0	U-FLOYD E	17/4	17/4
DUNHILL	239/0	238/0	METER INT	432/0	434/0			

GEN DYNICS	50/3	50/3	MOTOROLA	44/7	44/7	SEABEAL INC	49/1	49/1
GEN ELECT	46/4	46/4	MRSH-MCLEN	59/0	58/2	SEALED AIR	41/5	41/5
GEN HOST	8/6	8/6	MURPHY OIL	33/2	33/1	SEARS ROE	18/4	18/4
GEN HOUSR	7/2	7/2	NAT INTERG	18/4	18/3	SERV CORP	21/5	21/4
GEN INSTR	31/4	31/3	NBI CORP	1/7	1/6	SA STH PAC	22/3	22/2
GEN MILLS	54/6	54/4	NCR CORP	57/7	57/2	SHRIN-HUTT	39/1	38/3
GEN MOTORS	91/6	91/6	NEW ENG EL	23/6	23/6	SHIEL TRAN	22/2	22/2
GEN SIGNAL	50/0	50/0	NEW PLA RE	15/6	15/5	SHER PLOU	60/0	59/4
GENCORP	16/7	16/6	NEWELL CO	29/4	29/3	SMITH INTK	50/4	50/3
GENETECH	20/5	20/4	NEWMONT MI	42/3	42/2	SMITH BEC	37/0	37/0
GENIE PAU-80	38/3	38/1	NEWPORT GLD	34/0	33/6	SNAP ON TL	37/0	37/0
GEORG-PACO	0	77/4	NI MOHE-TO	0	59/0	SOURCE CAP	36/4	36/3
GEORGI-PAC	39/7	39/5	NI MOHY-72	0	76/0	SOUTHERN	23/5	23/5
GIBB E F CL	1,00	1,5	NICOLET IN	10/5	10/5	SPAIN FUND	11/3	11/3
GLOBAL MAR	*13	*13	NICOR INC	31/1	30/7	SPERRY	10/3	10/3
GOLDEN NUG	18/4	18/4	NI LINDS	22/4	22/5	SQUARE D	51/6	51/6
GOODRICH	53/2	53/2	NOBLE AFF	10/7	10/7	STOUTSB		
GOODYEAR	49/0	49/0	NORD RESOU	11/6	11/6	STONE CONT	34/3	34/1
GRACE WR	28/0	27/7	NORTHROP	27/2	27/3	SUN CO	54/7	54/7
GRATINGER	57/4	57/2	NORTON	48/0	48/0	SUNDRSTRAD	3/3	3/2
GREYHOUND	30/6	30/5	NOVO IND	42/2	41/5	SUNSHI NHT	24/5	24/6
GULF RES-C	20/1	20/1	NUCOR CORP	49/2	49/0	SUPER VAL	23/4	23/4
GULF-WESTN	11/4	11/4	OAK INCS	1/0	1/0	SOUTHWEST	17/4	17/4
HALLIBURTON	29/0	29/1	OCC PETREC	27/2	27/2	SU GAS	43/3	43/3
HANCOCK	0	15/3	ODEN CORP	15/3	15/3	SUN BELL	67/2	67/1
HANNA WIN	22/6	22/5	OH ED CO	20/5	20/5	TECO	22/5	22/5
HARRIS CP	28/3	28/4	OHIO MATT	20/3	20/2	TEKTRONIX	21/6	22/0
HARTMARX	27/0	27/1	OLIN CORP	50/0	49/7	TELETYPE	349/2	349/0
HELMUT HJ	46/4	46/3	OMNICARE	8/0	7/7	TELEPHONIC	23/7	23/7
HEL CORP	45/0	45/1	ORION PICT	14/7	14/7	TELEX CORP	0	49/0
HELM-PAYNE	22/4	22/5	PATINE MES	18/3	18/3	TERAYNE	12/7	12/7
HERCULES	49/0	48/6	PAN AM	4/1	4/1	TESORO PET	12/0	11/7
HEML-PACK	58/5	58/1	PANHANDLE	24/6	24/6	TEX AMER B	0	48/5
HExcel CP	34/4	34/4	PARKER DRI	5/4	5/3	TEX GAS TR	48/4	48/4
HILLENBRND	27/2	27/0	PARKER MAN	29/3	29/1	TEXACO	49/5	49/5
HILLENBRND	35/3	35/5	PATRICK PET	4/4	4/4	TEXAS IND	35/2	35/0
HILTN HTLS	50/0	49/7	PULLMAN CO	0	0	TEXAS INST	41/7	41/6
HITACHI	125/0	123/0	PC IND-96	0	89/4	TEXTRON	26/2	26/2
HRYSTE INC	14/0	14/0	PEGASUS	11/7	11/7	THOMSON MED	0	0
HUBBY-HARBN	16/1	16/1	PENN CENTR	23/5	23/5	THOMSON	8/2	8/3
HOLIDAY C	28/3	28/3	PENNMAL	102/6	102/6	TIMBER	20/5	20/5
HOME DEPOT	31/5	31/4	PENNTL	83/0	83/1	TIMBER	34/3	34/1
HONFRED CP	28/5	28/5	PEOPLES EN	20/5	20/5	TORCHMARK	32/2	32/2
HONEYWELL	158/0	158/4	PEPSICO	40/0	39/7	TOYS R	3/7	4/0
HUGHES INT	45/5	45/6	PFIZER	56/5	56/4	TOSCO R US	38/4	38/2
HUGHSTON HI	46/6	46/4	PHLEPS DOD	56/0	55/6	TRANSMER	34/0	33/7
HUNSTON IN	27/3	27/3	PHILIP MOR	108/3	108/0	TRANSCO EN	37/5	37/4
HUGHES SUP	17/6	17/6	PHILIPS PE	21/2	21/2	TRANSCO EX	6/0	6/0
HUNAH INC	26/0	25/7	PINNACLE W	15/5	15/4	TRAVELLERS	37/3	37/3
IBX	126/5	126/0	PITN-BOMES	44/4	44/3	TRIMITY IN	34/7	34/

	INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD		1675.0	1658.1	1680.9	1455.3
FT 500 SHR		1151.1	1151.1	1162.5	1008.8
FT ALL SHR		1053.37	53.37	1065.3	926.59
FT GOV SEC		88.98	88.98	89.1	87.03
FT GOLD MN		165.4	165.4	169.7	161.9
FT RMES F		666.64	666.64	679.59	565.31
FT MDL DLR		190.0	190.0	191.4	172.4
FT WLD DLR		144.43	144.43	146.26	139.21
FT WLD-STG*		122.47	122.78	123.53	115.30
FT MDL LOC		130.00	130.63	131.33	123.40

STOCKS CLOSE NEAR HIGHS ON WALL STREET RISE

LONDON, FEB 14, REUTER - SHARES RECOVERED FROM AN EASIER START TO CLOSE NEAR THE DAY'S HIGHS, HELPED BY A FIRMER WALL STREET AND REPORTS OF A MODIST BUY PROGRAMME.

THE FTSE 100 INDEX CLOSED 16.4 UP AT 2,069.1 AFTER A HIGH OF 2,073.9 BUT TURNOVER WAS A RELATIVELY LIGHT 534.1 MLN SHARES.

DEALERS SAID THE RISE WAS PARTLY A CORRECTION AFTER YESTERDAY'S SHARP FALL BUT WAS ENCOURAGING GIVEN THE CONTINUING CONCERNS OVER U.K. INFLATION AND RISING WORLD INTEREST RATES.

AMSTRAD ENDED 22P EASIER AT 159 AND TOPPED THE ACTIVES LIST WITH 20.5 MLN SHARES TRADED ON DISAPPOINTING HALF-YEAR RESULTS.

AMSTRAD'S 16 PCT LOWER FIRST HALF PRETAX PROFIT OF 75.3 MLN WAS AT THE LOWER END OF ANALYSTS' FORECASTS.

ANALYSTS WERE STARTING TO CUT THEIR FORECASTS FOR THE YEAR AFTER THE RESULTS, WITH THE NEW CONSENSUS FORMING AROUND 135 M TO 140 MLN PRETAX, COMPARED WITH UP TO 171 MLN PREVIOUSLY.

GEC CLEARED ANOTHER HURDLE IN ITS BATTLE FOR PLESSEY TODAY AS A U.K. COURT BLOCKED AN ATTEMPT BY PLESSEY TO FORCE GEC TO SELL ITS HALF OF THEIR GPT TELECOMMUNICATIONS JOINT VENTURE.

ANALYSTS SAID IF PLESSEY HAD MANAGED TO ACQUIRE ALL OF GPT IT WOULD HAVE CONSIDERABLY STRENGTHENED ITS POSITION AGAINST GEC. PLESSEY WAS 7P UP AT 251 WHILE GEC ADDED 4P TO 224.

THE CLOSE IN REACTION TO A LATE DIP IN THE DOLLAR, ENDING AT 385.00/385.50 DLRS AN OUNCE, UP FROM MONDAY'S CLOSE OF 384.10/394.50.

GOLD HAD EASED TO NEAR YESTERDAY'S 26-MONTHS LOW OF 383 IN THE AFTERNOON FIXING SESSION BUT WAS FIXED SLIGHTLY ABOVE THAT AT 384.10 AFTER A MORNING SETTING OF 385.65.

GOLD HAD STEADIED INITIALLY FOLLOWING A WEAK PERFORMANCE IN THE DOLLAR OVERNIGHT AND IN A TECHNICAL REACTION TO MONDAY'S SET-BACK, AND ALTHOUGH IT IS PRONE TO FURTHER SELLING, THE 385 LEVEL SUPPORT APPEARS TO BE HOLDING FOR TIME BEING. DEALERS SAID.

LONDON, FEB 14, REUTER - U.K. MONEY RATES RIED "EARLY" GAIN, MADE ON SIGNS U.K. INFLATION IS NOT YET UNDER CONTROL, DEALER SAID.

THE MARKET IS AWAITING FRIDAY'S RETAIL PRICE INDEX (RPI), EXPECTED TO SHOW INFLATION RISING WELL ABOVE SEVEN PCT IN JANUARY AFTER WEEKEND COMMENTS BY CHANCELLOR NIGEL LAWSON.

"THE SCOPE FOR A BASE RATE CUT AT BUDGET TIME IS NOW NEGLIGIBLE, PARTICULARLY WITH INTEREST RATES TRENDING UPWARDS EVERYWHERE ELSE," SAID A DEALER AT A U.K. BROKERAGE FIRM.

SPECULATION OF A FURTHER FED TIGHTENING WAS FUELED BY STRONGER THAN EXPECTED U.S. RETAIL SALES IN JANUARY.

	DLR	SIG	DAK	PRF	OP
MLR	1.7590/90	1.7995/05	1.8605/10	6.3285/85	OP
WAK	1.7580/90	3.267/80	3.2750/00	11.1360/1530	FI
WAK	1.8583/8663	3.267/80	---	29.315/475	FI
FR	6.329/341	11.130/148	339.86/340.5	---	FI
FR	1.5877/5827	2.7805/7843	10.90/85.00	26.96/99	FI
IFL	2.1020	3.6965	84.85	33.18	13
EGU	1.12101	.637588	2.08776	7.10158	CL
CL	3.10533	.748361	2.45108	8.34677	CL
YEN	127.40/50	223.96/24.28	---	---	NO
ROT. RATE	13/02/1989	---	OTHERS	14/02/1989	---

AUSTRALIA	286.3	293.1	294.3	307.0	259.3
AUSTRIA	248.5	247.6	247.5	226.7	215.4
BELGIUM	455.9	455.8	455.1	412.8	260.2
CANADA	389.3	389.2	395.3	356.1	350.7
DENMARK	604.1	607.2	607.0	464.5	356.6
FRANCE	465.7	477.4	477.4	196.1	238.5
GERMANY	210.4	212.5	212.2	191.6	159.6
HONG KONG	2364.0	2385.5	2411.7	1812.7	1644.3
FINLAND	125.8	125.4	123.7	112.1	108.1
ITALY	449.1	450.3	451.4	439.5	377.4
JAPAN	1489.5	1493.3	1495.3	1289.0	1022.3
NETHERLANDS	281.9	285.1	287.0	260.1	215.9
NEW ZEAL	97.0	99.8	98.3	93.9	98.9
NORWAY	659.4	670.4	676.3	587.0	392.4
SPOKE	670.3	677.7	672.0	485.0	473.1
SPAIN	241.0	242.4	242.9	250.5	209.5
SWEDEN	1161.9	1170.4	1163.8	960.4	856.8
SWITZ	179.6	180.1	179.5	163.6	140.7
U.K.	620.3	627.3	634.3	551.2	515.7
U.S.A.	269.2	268.7	272.5	250.6	229.4
WORLD	511.1	514.1	516.6	446.2	408.0
E.A.F.E.E.	983.6	993.0	993.2	832.0	757.5

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			LAST	CHANGE	HIGH	LOW
MATTEL INC	10/1	10/1				
MCA INCORP	48/4	48/4	2,292.16	+ 9.64	2,300.54	2,281.79
MC DONALDS	50/6	50/6	1,070.50	+ 2.42	1,074.22	1,068.40
MC DONNELL	89/0	89/0	187.11		187.47	186.94
MCGRAN-HIL	68/1	68/2	877.29	+ 2.41	880.16	874.42
MEAD	40/7	40/3				
MERCK - CO	62/6	62/0				
MEREDITH	31/3	31/4				
MERRILL LY	29/6	29/7				
MESA OFFSH	1/5	1/5				
MOBIL OIL	46/3	46/3				
MONSANTO	88/7	88/5				
MONTANA PO	34/3	34/6				
MORGAN JP	36/1	35/7				
MOTORSHIP	40/7	40/6				
			NYSE COMP	164.72	+ .57	
			S-P COMPOSITE	293.46	+ .92	
			NYSE INDS	199.20	+ 0.77	
			AMEX INDEX	322.88	+ 1.12	
			NASD COMP	402.17	+ 0.90	
			NASD BANKING	479.89	+ 1.44	
			NASD FIN'L	479.42	+ 0.38	
			NASD INDS	398.23	+ 1.17	
			S-P 100 INDEX	279.94	+ .92	

UNION CARB	31 1/8	+ 2	LITONEL CP	7 1/8	+ 3/8
ANACOMP	6	- 5/8	BAT INDOS	9 3/4	+ 3/16
LILCO	16 1/2	+ 1/4	TEXAS AIR	13 3/8	+ 1/2
BRIT STEEL	13 7/8	+ 3/8	RANSBURG	22	+ 1 7/8
GEN MOTORS	90	- 1 3/4	MICHAELS	5 3/4	- 1 1/2
ATT	31 1/2	+ 1/8	HANG LAB B	9 3/4	+ 1/8
BK OF CORP	25 1/4	+ 1/4	DATAPROD	16 1/4	UNCH
VE COST	32	+ 1 1/2	FRUIT LOOM	7 1/2	UNCH
MNC FINAN	47 1/8	+ 1/8	TANDY BRD	14	+ 3/8
DATA GEN	18 3/8	+ 1/2	FOREST LAB	27 7/8	+ 1/4
NYSE LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE			AMEX LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE		
PLESSEY	45	+ 3 1/2	SYNALLOY	7 3/8	+ 1 1/4
UNITED IR	15 7/8	+ 1 1/8	MALARTIC	6 1/4	+ 3/4
STANHOE I	25 3/4	+ 1 3/4	YANKEE CO	2 1/2	+ 1/4
ANACOMP	6	- 5/8	MICHAELS	5 3/4	- 1 1/2
FLOW GEN	4 1/4	- 1/4	UNIV PATEN	4 1/4	- 1/4
NYSE VOLUME	56,956,300		AMEX VOLUME	3,620,915	
STOCKS UP	574		STOCKS UP	206	
STOCKS DOWN	364		STOCKS DOWN	134	
13-FEB NASDAQ VOLUME	114,490,000				
STOCKS UP .805	DOWN 1215				

NEW YORK, Feb. 14, (Reuter): Wall Street stocks remained higher but were pulling back from early gains that were based partly on futures-related buying and momentum from late Monday. General Motors weighed down blue chips as it fell amid disappointment with fourth quarter earnings.

The Dow was up 11 at 2294 after rising to 2301. Gainers led declining issues by over two-to-one but decliners were narrowing the gap. Prudential Bache analyst Larry Wachtel said stocks gained at the outset on upward momentum from late buying yesterday. He also said, "General Motors earnings were not a disaster" though the final quarter was under some forecasts.

International Bond Highlights

LONDON: The World Bank is issuing a 100 mln sig Eurobond due March 1, 1999 paying 10 pct and priced at 100-1/2 pct, lead manager Baring Brothers and Co. Ltd. said. (KXCN 1158)

London: The Royal Bank of Canada is issuing a 200 mln dir undated floating rate note with another 100 mln dir on tap, lead manager Credit Suisse First Boston Ltd. said. (KXZW 1236)

London: Banca Commerciale Italiana, Hong Kong branch, is issuing a 100 mln dir Eurobond due March 10, 1999 paying 10-3/8 pct and priced at 101-7/8 pct, lead manager Salomon Brothers International Ltd. said. (KXZK 0805)

Peking: China announced measures to tighten control over foreign borrowings, which it said was growing too fast. (KXBY 1556)

London: Suedbank is issuing a 80 mln Australian dir zero coupon Eurobond due March 8, 1991 priced at 75.367 pct, lead manager Banque Paribas Capital Markets said. (KXYY 0843)

London: General Whitley PLC said it is issuing a 50 mln sig domestic bond due March 24, 2014. The issue will be priced at 1500 GMT today to yield 115 basis points over the gross redemption yield of the nine pct Treasury bond due 2008. (KXKX 1020)

Paris: The Bank of France said it will auction between one and 1.5 billion francs of domestic floating rate bonds for French Mortgage Bank Caisse de Refinancement Hypothecaire on Feb 16, (KXZE 1121)

Paris: Real estate credit agency Compagnie des Entrepreneurs is issuing a one billion franc, two tranche domestic bond, a lead manager Banque Indosuez said. (KXZJ 1520)

Zurich: Takada Kiko Co. Ltd. is issuing 40 mln Swiss francs in five-year convertible notes with an indicated coupon of 1/2 pct and par pricing, lead manager Swiss Bank Corp. said. (KXVE 0920)

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 13 12-3/4	13 12-7/8	13-1 12-15 1/16
FFY 6.00	5.70/80	6.40/50
PAR 8-3/4 7/8	8-13/16 15/16	9 9-1/8
ZUR 4-7/8 5-1/8	5-1/2 5-3/4	5-5/8 5-7/8
BRX 3.85	7-11/16 3/4	8-1/8 3/16
ROM 11-5/8 12-1/8	12-1/4 12-3/4	12-1/4 12-3/4
AMS 6.31/43	6.60/70	6.70/80
TOK 3.25/32 27/32	4.8/32 10/32	4.17/32 19/32
ECU 8.00 8.25	8.25 8.37	8.56 8.68

Interest Rates

Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait, today.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	8-1/16	8-9/16
3 months	8-1/8	8-9/16
6 months	8-1/8	8-9/16
1 year	8-1/8	8-9/16

BOMBAY

	PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	87.50	86	82.50	HICO	605	590	590
				GNFC	40.50	40.50	41	MUKAND	83	84	80
ACC	328	327	319	GRASIM	101.50	101.50	99.25	NOCL	785	780	765
ASIA PAINT	207.50	206.25	207.50	GSFC	132.50	135	127.50	ONKAY	22	21.50	22
BAJAJ AUTO	391.25	390	382.50	HIND LEVER	74	73	73.50	PEICO	21.50	21	21
BAR. RAYON	310	305	310	HINDALCO	171.50	171.50	174	PFIZER	74	75	73
BOM. DYING	125	124.50	123	HINDOCOA	112.50	112.50	110	PRE-AUTO	43.50	43.25	42.50
BR. BOND	125	123	122.50	HINDOTR	29.50	29.50	29	RAYMOND	69.50	68.50	69.50
BSE INDEX	670.40	669.80	670.40	IND ORG	34	35	31.50	RELIANCE	143.50	144	138.50
CENTURYSPG	1522	1520	1490	INDRAYON	86	85.50	85	SIEMENS	80	78	76
COLGATE	322.50	320	313.75	INDROL	285	282.50	281.25	SPIC	39	39.50	41.50
DEEPAKERT	35.50	35.25	35	ITC	51	49	48.50	STONHILLS	230	220	225
EL. HOTEL	57	55	57	JKSYNTH	81	80.50	76	TATA PUR	370	370	365
ESKAYEF	135	133	132.50	L AND T	114.50	115	114	TATACHEN	113.50	114	112
ESSAR	21.50	22	21.75	MAHINDRA	86	87	85.50	TELCO	752.50	755	742.50
GAR. POLY	73.75	72.50	68.75	MASTERSHR	15.35	15.15	15	TISCO	1227	1227	1205
GE. SHIP	36	36.25	35.85	MATHER PL	53.50	52.50	50	VOLTAS	580	570	590

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR.	CLSE
AEG	220.00	210.00
ALLIANZ VR	1812.00	1818.00
BADENWERK	195.00	195.00
BAE	297.25	298.50
BAYER	307.00	307.75
BAYER HYP	375.00	377.00
BAYER VER	388.00	388.00
BBK	412.00	414.00
BHF	454.00	451.00
BHW	508.00	514.00
COMMERZB	244.90	245.10
CONIT GUMH	263.25	262.00
DALMER BEN	663.00	661.75
DEUTSCH BNK	530.00	530.00
DLV	488.00	487.00
DRESDENER B	301.00	302.50
DT BARCOCK	178.50	178.00
FAZ INDEX	561.98	562.49
FELDMERLEB	312.00	315.00
GARMERLEB	395.80	398.00
HANSEATIS	478.00	478.00
HOECHST AG	306.50	307.25
HOESCH	223.25	225.50
HORTEN	225.25	228.00
HUSSEL RLD	476.00	479.00
KALI SALZ	193.00	192.00
KARSTADT	422.00	429.00
KAUFHOFF	411.00	418.50
KLOECK H	165.50	163.00
KLOECK U	172.50	175.80
LIHDE	800.00	805.00
LUFTHANSA	172.50	172.50
MAN	255.50	258.00
MANHESMAN	219.50	221.80
MERCEDES	533.00	532.00
METALLGES	404.00	407.00
NIXDORF PF	332.00	340.00
NORSK HYD	38.00	38.30
PHILIP KOM	679.00	675.50
PORSCHER	730.00	730.00
PREUSSAG	250.00	248.00
PWA	275.50	281.30
RHEINMETAL	425.00	426.00
RUE	224.00	225.25
SALAMANDER	226.00	226.50
SCHERING	636.50	636.00
SEL	296.75	295.00
SIEMENS	534.30	532.10
THYSEN	216.00	216.20
VARTA	348.00	350.00
VEBA	284.00	283.50
VEW	170.00	170.00
VOLKSWAGEN	317.00	320.00

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR.	CLSE
C H TUNNEL	15.20	15.20
CHEUNG K	10.30	10.30
CHINA GAS	19.60	19.70
CHINA L-P	15.10	15.15
CHINA NOTR	27.00	27.00
COSMO PROP	3.95	3.95
EVERGOLD	1.16	1.14
FAR EAST C	1.16	1.14
GEN ORIENT	0.40	0.40
H C DEVELOP	9.45	9.65
H S INDEX	99.97	153.73
HANG LUNG	6.30	6.45
HANG SENG	32.50	33.50
HAW PAR BR	11.60	11.60
HK ELEC CO	7.75	7.75
HK KOWLOON	10.50	10.70
HK LAND CO	10.80	11.00
HK SHAN BK	7.35	7.45
HK SHAN HT	6.20	6.25
HK TELE CO	5.55	5.65
HUTCH WAM	10.70	11.00
IND EQ PAC	11.20	11.50
JARDINE M	18.10	18.40
KOULOUN M	9.55	9.65
NEW WORLD	14.90	15.20
PAUL Y CON	1.70	1.67
REALTY DEV	7.80	7.80
S H K CO	3.15	3.17
S H K PROP	14.90	15.40
SINE DARY	2.55	2.60
STELUX MFG	3.25	3.37
SWIRE PAC	21.40	21.80
T Y B CO	1.40	1.40
TAT CHEUNG	4.70	4.80
UNION BANK	1.72	1.76
WOCK HAD	0.75	0.75
WOCK HAI	0.15	0.15
WORLD INTL	5.00	5.05

Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS END WITH SLIGHT LOSS

TOKYO, FEB 14, REUTER - SHARE PRICES FLUCTUATED IN NARROW TRADE TO END SLIGHTLY LOWER ON CONCERN OVER THE DIFFICULT SITUATION FACING THE RULING LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY, WHICH IS SUFFERING FROM A DROP IN PUBLIC SUPPORT, BROKERS SAID.

BUT THEY ADDED THAT REACTION WAS BEING SURPRISINGLY MILD. "PEOPLE ARE JUST IGNORING IT. THEY ARE SO WOUND UP IN THE FERVOR OF THE MARKET. IT'S THE PURE WEIGHT-OF-MONEY ARGUMENT SO THE MARKET CAN'T REACT," SAID ROSS ROMBURY, A BROKER AT SANYO SECURITIES CO. LTD.

THE NIKKEI INDEX EASED 2.43 POINTS TO CLOSE AT 31,982.89, ADDING TO MONDAY'S 146.67-POINT LOSS.

STOCK PLAYERS ARE INTERESTED IN SEEING A STRONG MARKET. AHEAD OF THE MARCH 31 YEAR-END FOR BROKERS AND MANY CORPORATIONS, AND THEREFORE REACTION TO ANY NEGATIVE NEWS HAS BEEN LIMITED, BROKERS SAID.

THEY ADDED THAT INVESTORS ARE CASH-HEAVY, A MAJOR FACTOR WHICH HAS AND WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT PRICES, SINCE THE ECONOMY AND CORPORATE EARNINGS WILL CONTINUE TO BE STRONG.

THE FIRST BROADER STOCK INDEX, OR TOPIX, FELL 5.36 POINTS TO 2,473.46 AGAINST A 6.89-POINT DROP ON MONDAY.

DECLINES OUTPACED RISES BY 72 TO 342, WITH 160 ISSUES ENDING UNCHANGED.

TURNOVER, A MODEST 1.5 BILLION SHARES AGAINST 1.3 BILLION, WAS HELPED BY A FAIR AMOUNT OF DEALING ACTIVITY, BROKERS SAID.

THE MAIN LOSERS WERE NON-LIFE INSURANCE, COMMUNICATIONS, SECURITIES HEDGE, CONSTRUCTION, BANK, PHARMACEUTICAL, ELECTRICAL, RAILWAY, BUS, RETAIL AND RUBBER SHARES.

"PEOPLE ARE BUYING BACK ON WEAKNESS. EVERYONE IS GOING FOR DOMESTIC, SAFE ISSUES," SAID SATSUKI OSA, A BROKER AT BARCLAYS DE ZOEETE MENO SECURITIES (JAPAN) LTD.

PULP/PAPER, ROLLING STOCK, SHIPBUILDING, STEEL, SERVICE, NON-FERROUS METAL, GAS, FISHERY, AIRLINE AND AUTO STOCK LED THE WINNERS.

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, FEB 14, REUTER - HONG KONG'S STOCK MARKET CLOSED SHARPLY LOWER ON CONSOLIDATION, WITH THE HANG SENG INDEX FALLING BELOW THE PSYCHOLOGICALLY IMPORTANT 3,100 LEVEL, BROKERS SAID.

THE INDEX LOST 53.76 POINTS TO 3,099.97, DROPPING BELOW 3,100 FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE FEBRUARY 2.

"THE MARKET CAME OFF VERY SHARPLY IN THE AFTERNOON, MOSTLY ON SMALL TRADING, ON THE INSTITUTIONAL SIDE THERE WASN'T MUCH ACTION," A BROKER SAID. THE DROP FOLLOWS MONDAY'S 30.43 POINT FALL. BROKERS SAID THE CORRECTION WAS NEEDED AFTER THE MARKET'S STEADY RISE DURING 1988.

AMMAN

DPNG	CLSG
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	0.79 0.83
ARAB ALLIUMUM IND.	0.50 0.50
ARAB BANK	
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	4.50 4.35
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	2.44 2.41
ARAB INSURANCE	
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	
ARAB INT. UNION INS	
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	
ARAB PAPER COM/IND	
ARAB PHARMA/CHAMF	0.76 0.75
ARAB POTASH CO.	1.65 1.65
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	
BANK OF JORDAN	
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00 0.95
CATRO AMMAN BANK	31.50 31.00
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05 1.25
DAR AL SHAH PRESS	
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.75 0.71
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.60 4.55
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39 2.63
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.34 1.30
GENERAL MINING.	1.42 1.49
HIMMER MINERALS	0.75 0.75
HOLY LAND INS.	1.44 1.44
IND. MATCH JEMCO	
INDSTRL DEVT/BNK	
INDSTRL/COMM/AGR.	
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75 0.75
INTERN. COM/INV.	0.13 0.13
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.90 0.90
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64 0.64
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	
J. TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79 0.80
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26 1.29
JO CERAMIC/CI/AGRE	20.00 19.50
JO TOBACCO FACTOR	
JOR ELEC. INS.	25.05 25.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20 1.22
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.30 2.30
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20 1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.79 0.83
JOR LIN BRICK	
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50 0.50
JOR NATIONAL BANK	
JOR PAPER CARDBRDS	
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	
JOR PTES MANUFACT	1.80 1.73
JOR PRESS/PUBLISHER	4.25 4.40
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	
JOR SECURIT CORP	1.12 1.11
JOR SELPHO CHEM.	
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	
JOR WORSTED HLL	
JOR KUWAIT AGR	
JOR. PETROL/IN REF	
JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.45 5.45
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP	
JORDAN GULF REAL	
JORDAN DAILY	
JORDAN GULF BANK	
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94 0.95
JORDAN INSURANCE	
JORDAN ISLAMIC BNK	
JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	
JORDAN TANNING	
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.74 0.71
MACH/EQUI/RENT/MAIN	
MAS INDUSTRIES	0.69 0.73
MID EAST EXCHANGE	1.17 1.11
MIDDLE EAST HOTEL	0.80 0.80
MIDDLE EAST INS	
MINERALS RESEARCH	0.74 0.75
NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	
NAT/CABLE/WIRE/INF	
NATIONAL AVIA INS	1.50 1.50
NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.46 0.45
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	
NATIONAL STEEL	
ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25 0.28
PETRA BANK	
PETRA JOR. INS.	0.35 0.35
PHILADELPHIA INS.	1.12 1.14
RAPIA INDUSTRIAL	1.29 1.33
REAL ESTATE INV.	
SHIPPING LINES	
SPINNING WEAVING	
THE HOUSING BANK	
UNITED INSURANCE	1.25 1.20
UNIVERSAL CREM. IND	
UNIVERSAL INS.	0.65 0.68
WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.95 0.96
YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.37 1.38

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-A	LC-B	LC-C	LC-D
AC-A	13.00	13.25	13.25	LC-B	.45	.46	.47
ANS	2.60	2.65	2.65	PK-A	.28	.29	.29
GLO	31.50	32.50		PK-B	.28	.29	.29
PLDT	249.00	250.00	252.00	OIL SECTOR			
KPSI-A	2.70	2.80	2.70	BP-A	.016	.017	.016
KPSI-B	3.40			BP-B	.016	.017	.017
SNC-A	148.00	149.00	148.00	LC-A	.0034	.0038	
SNC-B	240.00		238.00	LC-B	.0034	.004	
MINING SECTOR				OPH-A	.041	.042	.043
APX-A	.019	.02	.02	OPH-B	.042	.043	.043
APX-B	.02	.021	.02	OV-A	.029	.03	.03
AT-A	34.00	34.50	35.00	OV-B	.029	.03	.031

Makati Stock Market Report

SECTOR	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
COMM-IND.	258,730	12,698,925	946.24	7.40 DN
MINING	1,923,800	6,401,525	4,513.00	88.27 DN
OIL	465,150,000	11,304,550	5.775	1.77 DN
TOTAL	2,647,680	20,405,000	815.59	14.56 DN

PHILIPPINES MANILA

STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-A	LC-B	LC-C	LC-D
SNC-A	147.00	148.00	148.00	LC-B	.45	.46	.47
SNC-B	240.00	240.00	240.00	LC-C	.45	.46	.48
SD-TIRE	36.00	37.00	36.00	LC-D	.45	.46	.48
PLDT	249.00	250.00	252.00	ZIP	.0075	.0085	
ANSOR-A2.60	2.65	2.65		OIL SECTOR			
AC-A	13.00	13.25	13.25	BP-A	.016	.017	.016
GLO	32.00	32.00	32.00	BP-B	.016	.017	.017

ACC to try to cement existing ties

Four Arab nations lay plans for economic block

AMMAN, Feb. 14. (Agencies): The prime ministers of Egypt, Iraq, Jordan and North Yemen met today to draw up a charter for a new economic club named the Arab Co-operation Council (ACC).

Heads of state of the four nations are expected to found the council in Baghdad on Thursday. Officials say other Arab states may join the group, which is not intended to rival the existing Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) or a nascent Maghreb Arab Union.

Impediments
"This is a very serious step on the road to making joint Arab work a success, especially after the impediments it has suffered for the past 30 years," Iraqi first Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan told reporters at the airport.

Arab diplomats say Syria, left out because of its disputes with Egypt and Iraq, and Saudi Arabia, heavyweight member of the eight-year-old GCC, have reservations about the new pact but were unlikely to oppose it publicly.

King Hussein, who proposed the union last year, hosted a palace lunch for Ramadan, Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz, Egyptian Prime Minister Atef Sedki, North Yemen's Prime Minister Abdul Aziz Abdulghani and Jordan's Prime Minister Zaid Al Rifai.

Economics
Little has emerged on how the four countries plan to mesh their divergent economies, resources and development plans.

But Sedki told reporters on arrival the council would have a higher council of heads of state, a council of prime ministers and a permanent secretariat expected to have its base in Amman.

Jordan's official news agency Petra said yesterday the ACC would try to cement existing economic ties between the four, boost trade and tourism, promote freer movement of goods and labour, set up joint ventures and increase exports and investments. It did not say how these aims would be achieved.

A source close to the Jordanian delegation said the council was still embryonic and would move cautiously towards

integration. "We have to go step by step so that we have a strong foundation for what we aspire to," the source said.

Goal
One long-term goal was to create a customs union, but this and other possibilities were still under discussion, he added.

Jordanian officials told Reuters that Syria felt formation of the council was premature, but would like to join when it has settled its quarrels with Cairo and Baghdad.

North Yemeni Prime Minister Abdul-Aziz Abdulghani told reporters on arrival: "I see this new grouping as a step towards Arab union in the interests of our peoples and the Arab countries."

Permitted
Ramadan said: "This is a very serious step on the road to making joint Arab work a success, especially after the impediments it has suffered for the past 30 years."

He said the council was open to all Arab countries when conditions permitted and preparations had been made.

Asked whether the new grouping had political aims, he said: "Frankly, political and economic aspects cannot be separated, but the economic one is important at this stage...for the first time in contrast with previous experiments in Arab solidarity and unity, we are focusing on the economic aspect."

Osama El Baz, President Hosni Mubarak's political adviser, said in Cairo that any other Arab country could join the ACC, including Syria.

Though officials of the four founding states have stressed the ACC is not intended to exclude anyone, diplomats and other analysts saw Syria, at odds with Iraq and Egypt, as an obvious candidate left on the sidelines.

Exempted
Egyptian newspapers quoted Baz as telling journalists: "Syria is by no means exempted from the view that the grouping's membership is open to all Arab countries."

There was no conflict between the ACC and Arab League, and the aim was to co-operate within the league structure, he said.

Egypt has been suspended from the league since signing the only Arab peace treaty with



King Hussein of Jordan (centre) poses with Iraqi First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan (his left), Egyptian Prime Minister Atef Sedki (far left), North Yemeni Prime Minister Abdul Aziz Abdulghani (his right), and Jordanian Prime Minister Zaid Al Rifai (far right). The four prime ministers met in Amman yesterday to lay the foundation for an economic bloc, the Arab Co-operation Council. (Reuters wirephoto)

Israel in 1979 but several states, including its ACC partners, are trying to get it readmitted.

Sedki told reporters at Amman airport that the heads of state would form a higher committee to guide the council, while the prime ministers would lead a ministerial committee charged with carrying out their decisions.

He said Egypt had suggested its headquarters be in Amman.

Assurance
Arab officials have portrayed the new union as a step toward greater Arab unity—a goal that has roused powerful political emotions for most of this century in a region that blames former colonial rulers for carving it into a multitude of relatively weak countries.

King Hussein said on Sunday that the council is designed to "further cement relations" among the four countries and lead to "greater co-operation on the economic level."

"Our movement is not directed against any country nor does it exclude the possibility of any

joining it in the future," Hussein said in an interview with Japanese journalists.

His reference appeared to be an assurance that the new group was not aimed at countering the influence of Saudi Arabia, which neighbours all four countries and is an important source of aid and financing to them.

Jordanian Foreign Minister Marwan Kassem today compared the new group to two other regional alliances within the Arab world: the Gulf Co-operation Council and a proposed union of Algeria, Morocco, Mauritania, Libya and Tunisia.

"These steps are considered positive aspects for Arab unity," Kassem said. "In the next few years the Arab world will be able to deal with Europe or America or any other country more effectively."

Economic analysts quoted by the English-language Jordan Times said the council could lead to removing trade and travel barriers and increase efforts to efficiently share resources.

Foreign diplomats based in

Amman have said it is unclear what impact the new council will achieve.

The four countries already have friendly political ties and have actively tried to expand trade. Bilateral committees led by prime ministers already meet regularly between most of the four countries.

Bilateral
Sedki said he expects those bilateral committees to continue "until we move a step forward, then we will have a different plan of co-operation."

Egypt, North Yemen and Jordan depend heavily on income sent home by foreign workers, many of them in the oil countries of the Gulf.

Iraq's vast oil reserves make it the richest of the four, but it is saddled by more than \$60 billion in debts built up during its eight-year war with Iran.

Both Egypt and Iraq have large, well-equipped military forces and Jordan's military has a reputation as one of the best-trained in the Middle East.

Hopes for new Third World debt strategy may be building too fast

LONDON, Feb. 14. (Reuters): Hopes for a dramatic new solution to the \$1.3-trillion Third World debt crisis might be running too high, the head of the IMF and World Bank's development panel said yesterday.

Yves Fortin, executive secretary of the joint development committee, said some progress had been made in tackling the debt problems of poor African nations but cautioned it would be wrong to expect a radical new strategy.

Expectations
"Perhaps expectations are building up too fast," he told reporters at a briefing in London on the committee's next meeting due in Washington at the start of April.

The debt crisis has returned to centre stage following a year of economic gloom in Latin America and as US President Bush conducts a review of Washington's strategy.

The group of Seven industrial

nations—the US, Britain, Canada, France, Italy, Japan and West Germany—also launched a new push to tackle the problem when they met in Washington for two days at the start of February.

Fortin said the current strategy for countries to grow out of their debt, based on a 1985 plan by then US Treasury Secretary James Baker, had achieved mixed results. Schemes to cut the burden were useful but insufficient without new lending.

The US administration is due to release to Congress the results of a review of its debt strategy next week, while officials from major industrial countries have been examining the role of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank.

That second review has taken on added importance following well-publicised differences between the World Bank and IMF in how they see their role in managing the debt crisis.

European monetary sources

said the Group of Seven nations wanted to set out guidelines for a new strategy at the IMF's spring meeting at the end of March, but it was unclear now if the review by their deputies would be ready by then.

But political pressure is building for discussion by leaders of the seven nations at their summit set for Paris in July.

Policies
The development committee will carry out in April a first review of debt relief policies to sub-Saharan Africa after a package of measures agreed by industrial nations in September.

Fortin said agreements worked out in the 'Paris Club,' a forum for renegotiating government-backed debt, had brought only modest relief. Accords with the Central African Republic, Madagascar, Mali, Niger and Tanzania had led to savings in debt repayments of \$10 million a year, just two per cent of the total due by those countries in 1987.

Africa seeks alternative to IMF and World Bank medicine

NAIROBI, Feb. 14. (Reuters): Africa is seeking a sweeter, home-grown medicine to replace that usually prescribed by the IMF and World Bank as a cure for ailing economies.

African finance ministers will meet in Blantyre, Malawi, from March 7-8 and economic ministers in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from April 6-10 for final preparations in the search for an African alternative to conventional IMF and World Bank reforms.

African officials charge that the austere reforms sought by those institutions in return for aid undermine the sovereignty of their nations, incur a high human and social cost, and are provoking "adjustment fatigue" among governments.

Reforms
Reforms sponsored by the IMF and World Bank often include currency devaluations, budget and subsidy cuts, and pruning of government jobs.

But, Africans and others argue, these have served to aggravate poverty, hunger, illness and infant mortality in the world's poorest continent.

"Unemployment has grown, there are schools and, even university classes without books, and clinics short of essential drugs, factories are idled by lack of foreign exchange to import spare parts and there is more hunger as food subsidies are lifted," a UN study last year reported.

The search for an African alternative is being led by the Addis Ababa-based UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) which last month staged workshop discussions on the idea.

Moralised
"Further, at political level, the way programmes are designed outside African countries undermines national sovereignty."

He added the workshop, which drew participants from Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the United States, and at which the World Bank was represented, generally agreed with these views.

The ECA has also mobilised an international advisory board of 20 African and foreign experts, including IMF and World Bank officials, to act as a "sounding board" on ideas for the African alternative, he said today.

Supporters of past reforms say that countries which adopted them have often achieved higher growth than those that did not.

Yet IMF managing director Michel Camdessus, attending a UN General Assembly review of African economies last September, said improvements were being sought.

"We have expanded contacts with un-related agencies that are expert in soil policies," he remarked.

Delivering Africa's viewpoint, Mali Foreign Minister Modibo

Keita—whose president is current chairman of the Organisation of African Unity—argued the reforms had been only marginally effective and they gave low priority to development of human resources.

Development
In some countries they had provoked riots because of, for example, rising food prices, he said.

"A new, dangerous development is emerging among African countries: adjustment fatigue."

"This is setting in as more and more African countries reach the point where further austerity measures, in the absence of meaningful economic growth, has become politically and economically untenable."

Addressing a women's symposium coinciding with the UN debate, Ellen Sirleaf Johnson, a banking official from Liberia, said: "As perceived by the average African, structural adjustment is bad, imposed by imperialistic powers and their institutions to further make poor Africans poorer."

Njoki Wainaina of Kenya voiced concern over the impact of government spending cuts on female education and birth control.

Reversing
In some countries parents were reverting to past practice where, if faced with the choice of sending a boy or girl to school, picked the male, she said.

"It means now that a woman going to a clinic for family planning, which we have spent years motivating, which we have said is essential for higher advancement, may not be able to afford the fees," she added.

Bonn inflation seen higher than official forecasts

BONN, Feb. 14. (Reuters): Inflation in West Germany, the economic powerhouse of Western Europe, could be well above official forecasts this year, economists said today.

Price statistics released today showed the country's inflation rate could hit three per cent compared with government forecasts of 2.5 per cent, economists said.

West Germany's Federal Statistics Office said wholesale prices increased by 1.7 per cent in January, which meant they were 5.1 per cent higher than the same month last year.

Highest
"We see a very real risk that inflation will touch three per cent this year," said Giles Keating, international economist at Credit Suisse First Boston Ltd in London.

January's wholesale price rise was the highest year-on-year increase since July, 1982.

Wholesale prices are the prices charged to wholesalers by producers and some of the increase is passed on to consumers through retail shops, Keating said.

West Germany's January cost of living index, which measures inflation, was 2.6 per cent up on last year.

Much of a 1.1 per cent increase in January on December's figure came from a one-off rise in consumer taxes announced by Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg last June.

West Germans are now paying more for petrol, heating oil and insurance policies. From May they will have to pay more for cigarettes and pipe tobacco.

January's wholesale data showed heating oil prices rose 20 per cent on December and petrol prices 13 per cent. The biggest increase came in fresh fruit, with prices surging 21 per cent.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Feb. 14. (Reuters): The market closed higher in tentative trading, recovering lost ground after Monday's 30-point slide. The All Ordinaries index rose 8.5 to 1,487.0.

TOKYO: Share prices fluctuated in narrow trade to end slightly lower on concern over the drop in popularity of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party. The Nikkei index fell 2.43 to close at 31,982.89.

HONG KONG: The market closed sharply lower on consolidation, with the Hang Seng index falling below the psychologically important 3,100 level. The index fell 53.76 to 3,099.97.

SINGAPORE: Share prices fell sharply for the second consecutive trading day, pushing the Straits Times industrial index 19.53 points lower to 1,120.17.

BOMBAY: Prices staged a recovery after a week-long slide, on active institutional and

speculative buying. Aluminium and cement stocks were much in demand on rumours that the government could allow an increase in controlled prices.

FRANKFURT: Shares ended mixed after a day of so-called trading, with investors worried that the Bundesbank would raise interest rates at its central council meeting on Thursday. The Dax index fell 2.3 to 1,331.47.

ZURICH: Prices closed steady to higher in fairly active trading. Shares made up initial losses on selective buying at the lower levels.

PARIS: Prices turned lower by mid-session, with some selling prompted by growing sentiment that key world interest rates would turn higher this week.

NEW YORK: Wall Street stocks gained in morning trading, with blue chip Union Carbide strong on news of a smaller than expected Bhopal settlement. The Dow was up 16 at 2,298.

'Made in UAE' to go on full display

THE year's biggest exhibition of its kind, the UAE Fair '89 for Trade and Industry opens at Sharjah Expo Centre on Thursday.

The wide spectra of manufactured goods bearing the label "Made in UAE" will go on full display when the Minister of Economy and Commerce, Saif Al Jarwan, declares open the fair at 6.30 pm. The 16-day event has been co-organised by the Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Expo Centre.

Each of the seven emirates will feature their individual products. The pavilions of Sharjah, Abu Dhabi and Dubai will be among the biggest to accommodate the full range of products manufactured. Goods on display will range from fresh and processed foodstuffs to kitchenware, household and office furniture, garments and furnishings, plasticware and other petroleum products. Over 138 national companies will be participating.

The fair will also focus on the UAE's trade with over 200 national trading companies displaying consumer products from various countries. Free family entertainment at the fair will include the thrilling highwire show by Hungary's famous Simet troupe and a Lebanese dance variety by Lebanon's celebrated recording artiste Celina.

Saudi riyal deposit rates mostly steady

NICOSIA, Feb. 14. (Reuters): Saudi riyal interbank deposit rates were mostly steady today in a moderately active market, with trade spread out among most of the periods.

Dealers said riyal rates are continuing to closely follow Eurodollar rates, which in recent days have been slowly edging up.

Firmed

One and three months were steady from yesterday at 9-1/2, 3/8 and 9-5/8, 1/2 per cent. Six months and one year firmed 1/16 point to 9-7/8, 3/4 and 10-3/16, 10.

In the short dates, spot-next firmed to 9-3/4, 3/8 from 9-1/2, 1/4 yesterday. One-week firmed 1/4 point on the bid side to 9-5/8, 3/8.

The spot riyal firmed marginally to 3.7506/09 to the dollar from 3.7507/10 yesterday.

Oil prices surge

Dollar drops sharply, gold up

LONDON, Feb. 14. (Reuters): The dollar fell sharply against the West German mark today to close two pennings lower in Europe as some investors bet on a West German interest rate increase later this week.

The dollar failed to respond positively to a strong 0.6 per cent rise in US January retail sales, dealers said.

The brisk pace of US consumer spending has raised concern that the economy is growing too rapidly and could take interest rates up further to contain inflationary pressures. Higher interest rates would make dollar-denominated assets more attractive to investors.

Speculation
Speculation meanwhile was fire in world currency markets that the Bundesbank would raise a leading interest rate when its council meets on Thursday.

"The market is reasonably sure the Bundesbank will raise its Lombard rate," one Frankfurt dealer said. The Lombard, now at six per cent, sets a ceiling on short-term funds lent to banks, some economists say the central bank may be reluctant to raise rates for the third time in just eight weeks.

But dealers said the threat of higher rates pushed the dollar to

1.8505 marks and 126.70 yen at the London close from yesterday's finish of 1.8705 and 128.40.

The dollar reached a five-month high of nearly 1.89 marks eight days ago but aggressive central bank dollar sales capped its rise. A hike in US bank prime rates on Friday, however, underpinned the dollar when trading started yesterday.

Some investors switched out of dollar assets today as the prospect of higher European interest rates increased.

Unlikely
The US dollar fell in Tokyo today with dealers betting a rise in US interest rates is unlikely in the immediate future.

Dealers said they felt the dollar had hit its near-term peak at 129.30 yen. It closed here at 127.20 yen and 1.8626/29 West German marks against 127.95/05 yen and 1.8660/70 marks at yesterday's New York close.

"There are a lot of players who don't want to miss a single change of rate," said Hiroaki Shukuzawa, senior assistant manager at Sumitomo Bank.

Dealers said they were closely watching to see if the dollar drops further later in the day in Europe and New York.

"If the dollar falls below

126.90 yen, it could decline to 126.50 yen," said Shukuzawa.

"In such a case, the current dollar sentiment may be reversed, pushing the currency into a new range between 126.50 and 128.00 yen."

Friday's robust US producer price index data raised caution over whether the US Federal Reserve would raise interest rates.

But Tomoshige Kakita, senior general manager at Mitsui Bank, said: "Further monetary tightening by the US Fed seems unlikely."

On the Tokyo Stock Market, share prices ended mixed on concern over the difficult situation facing the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, which is suffering from a drop in public support due to an embarrassing share scandal, brokers said.

But they added that reaction has been surprisingly muted.

"People are just ignoring it. They are so wound up in the favour of the market. It's pure weight-of-money argument so the market can't react," said Ross Rowbury, a broker at Sanyo Securities Co. Ltd.

The Nikkei index eased 2.43 points to close at 31,982.89, adding to yesterday's 146.67-point loss.

Gold was trading at about

\$385.80 per ounce in late afternoon in Tokyo against \$385.25 in New York yesterday.

In Sydney, the main Australian share index rose 8.5 points to 1,487.0 after yesterday's 30-point slide.

"It was more of a reaction to yesterday's fall than a real surge in the market," one broker said. "But it looks like it will stay up for the next few days."

In Hong Kong, stock prices fell.

Wall Street stocks were higher at midday with the Dow Jones industrial average up 10.71 points at 2,293.21.

Gold
Gold bullion closed in London at \$385.25 an ounce, up almost a dollar from yesterday's close.

Dealers said there was a lack of interest in the metal after yesterday's sell-off and it was tending to drift down despite a weaker performance in the dollar.

Oil prices were up 30 to 35 cents a barrel on world spot markets but business was subdued, traders said. Towards the close of European business, North Sea Brent blend, the most widely traded crude, was up 30 cents at \$16.80 a barrel.

The benchmark US Treasury long bond was quoted at 99-12/32 per cent yielding 9.06 per cent.

I am not overly concerned about inflation: President

Bush opposes tightening of credit by Fed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14. (UPI): President Bush said in an interview published today he is not "overly concerned about inflation" and opposes a tightening of credit by the Federal Reserve Board.

At the same time, Bush reiterated to the Wall Street Journal his assertion that he and Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan are not "far apart" in their views.

Asked to respond to Friday's government report of increased producer prices and to the expectation that the Fed will tighten credit to combat inflation, Bush told the newspaper, "I would simply say that I don't think the Fed chairman and I are far apart on all this. I haven't seen any indication of it."

Dealing

"Putting it in my terms, though, I have not been overly concerned about inflation," he declared. "I did not like those numbers, but I've also been dealing with these numbers long

enough to know that there's an anomaly."

Asked, then, if it would be a mistake to tighten credit, Bush replied, "well, I wouldn't like to see that now. We've got excess plant capacity in this country, and I think (Greenspan) has been worried about how much of that there has been."

"But we keep hearing that the economy is going to slow down. I don't think the growth is excessive at all, (and) I don't think this is the time for any radical surgery at all," he argued.

Level
Bush refused to be drawn into setting a level for the dollar against foreign currencies, saying he learned before becoming president, "don't go speculating on what level the dollar ought to be for the present."

On the budgetary front, Bush was asked in the interview to specify areas in which he believes there ought to be government spending reductions.

"Medicare is a tough call," he replied. "But in that one, we're not talking about taking benefits from people, we're talking about doing a better job of controlling the costs from the suppliers."

He also defended his proposal to cut the maximum capital gains tax to 15 per cent from 33 per cent, repeating his campaign contention that "this will increase jobs, increase investment."

Production
On other matters, Bush said: "It would be 'unacceptable' for Libya to begin production at a controversial facility he is equipped to make chemical weapons."

He is committed to working with Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari to relieve Mexico's large foreign debt burden, though he did not mention any specific proposals.

He is interested in suggestions by some Jewish groups that the United States consider a temporary waiver of the 1974 Jackson-Vanik amendment, which imposes tariffs on East bloc nations impeding emigration. He explained that if "there are concrete steps taken that are—in the interest of world peace, we ought to recognise that, give credit, and not be begrudging to the Soviet Union."

Side-by-side
— He is not reconsidering his decision to leave William Bennett, his choice for the new cabinet-level post of anti-drug director, out of regular cabinet meetings. He said Bennett already is "working right side-by-side with me."

— He believes cities and states have their own laws to prevent attacks with automatic weapons such as the fatal assault on schoolchildren last month in Stockton, California. Asked what could be done to improve the situation, he said simply, "to enforce the law would be one good thing to do about it."

Disastrous dinner successes

By Kathy Cuddihy

HAVE you ever had one of those dinner parties where everything... absolutely everything... goes wrong?

The symptoms begin with the Ideal Guest List. After poring over your social directory, you mix and match people until you arrive at the perfect combination of personalities and interests. With immense satisfaction, you believe that this is going to be one of those memorable, scintillating dinners, one which will firmly establish your reputation as a great hostess. Unfortunately, your perfect guests don't fully co-operate because half of them have other social engagements for the night you have scheduled your dinner. Substitutes are found, but somehow you suspect that the evening won't have the same sparkle.

Ah well, the guest list might have a few flaws, but not so the Ideal Menu. After intensive research through volumes of gourmet cookbooks, you produce a sumptuous menu that would impress even the most jaded palates. If nothing else, this dinner will confirm your reputation as a great Cordon Bleu chef. Unfortunately, the supermarkets refuse to co-operate. After searching all

over the city, in likely as well as unlikely places, you have to accept the fact that the principal ingredients for the first and second courses are simply not available. A war has temporarily disrupted stocks of one item and the main supplier of the second is "under investigation". Great. With diminishing enthusiasm, a substitute menu emerges, but a certain gourmet glamour is lacking.

With guest lists and menus out of the way, surely this signals an end to all the difficulties. Not on your sweet nelly! You still have to prepare the food. Most of the menu involves tried-and-true reliable recipes, but even they decide to let you down. The delightful little hors d'oeuvres biscuits which are usually quick and easy to make spread themselves all over the baking sheet in a large, greasy mess. Nothing like this has ever happened before, but at this stage the disaster doesn't surprise you.

Undoubtedly the attempt at a raspberry soufflé will be more rewarding. Won't it? Though the directions are lengthy, they seem straightforward enough... especially for an experienced cook like yourself. As you whizz through all the culinary motions, an urge to drink the excess raspberry juice overpowers you. Down it

goes in a few satisfying gulps. The next gulp, however, is from dismay as you read the recipe more carefully and realize you have just devoured an irreplaceable ingredient.

Before total defeatism takes hold, you salvage some of your self-esteem with a couple of successes. The cold curried cream of carrot soup has turned out beautifully. So have the preparations for the vegetable dishes. The situation finally looks like it is under control. At least, that's what you keep telling yourself.

What you rapidly learn, however, is that you shouldn't count your chickens before they hatch... or your dinner parties before they're over.

When the guests finally arrive, you are pleasantly surprised to find that the blend of personalities produces stimulating and entertaining conversation. In fact, you enjoy the company so much that you forget you've left the hors d'oeuvres under the broiler. You don't forget for long, just until the smell of smoke jars your memory. In your haste to retrieve the food before a terminal case of char sets in, you burn your arm on the oven door. This time the smell is that of burning flesh. After hastily medicating yourself you assure the

guests... and yourself... that the situation is under control.

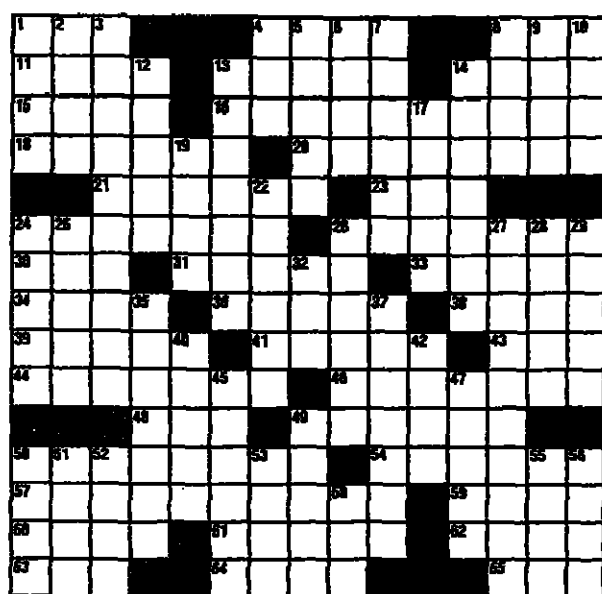
A few discreet nods and glances from your husband tell you that it really is time to get the meal on the table. You proudly pull the soup out of the refrigerator and prepare to serve it. Thank goodness you have decided, on the spur of the moment, to do this in the kitchen because, horror of horrors, the soup has adopted the consistency of wallpaper paste. If nothing else, the preceding calamities have taught you how to think quickly on your feet.

Without a moment's hesitation you pop the soup into the microwave, decorate it with a few fancy swirls of yoghurt and chopped chives, and no one is any the wiser.

Unfortunately, the extra time needed to heat the soup causes the meat and vegetables to be overdone. But in relation to everything else, this is not a particularly great tragedy.

By the time coffee is served everyone feels relaxed and contented. Perhaps they're relieved that you haven't outshone them as a hostess and chef. Maybe failure isn't such a bad thing after all. Besides, the dinner was just about as memorable as you could wish... may be not in the way you anticipated, but what's one more little surprise?

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Guy's companion
 - Help in a heist
 - Rock star Adam
 - China-Russia divider
 - Cursed
 - Arctic peril
 - Scifiery
 - Tell or Hood
 - Pensioners
 - Workers
 - Part of G.B.
 - Sci-fi character
 - Struggles
 - Yoko
 - Struck forcefully
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 - Pound sound
 - Speculate in stocks
 - Acquire
 - Mrs. T. S. Eliot et al.
 - Courage
 - A Kennedy
 - Seasons anew
 - Racecar
 - regulars
 - Indo-Chinese
 - Missive
 - With insight
 - Moon of Jupiter
 - Collars and attics, usually
 - Before grapes or orange
 - Radial
- DOWN**
- Grand time
 - Son of Venus
 - Eating places
 - Tool box item
 - Wild pigs
 - Gael
 - Exam taker
 - Lotion
 - Alaskan city
 - Hardy heroine
 - Have a second try at the plate
 - Horror film sounds
 - Shaping
 - Wash cycle
 - Goddess of strife
 - Tennison's Arden et al.
 - Gardeners need
 - Win by —
 - Connect
 - Ship's accommodations
 - Mosel river city
 - Transmits
 - Toe: Scot.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

RESPECT THE LADY

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
 ♠ Q 7 3
 ♥ 10 6 5 4
 ♦ K 5 4
 ♣ 6 5 2

EAST
 ♠ 6 5 4
 ♥ 9 8
 ♦ Q 10 9 7
 ♣ J 10 8 4

SOUTH
 ♠ A K 8
 ♥ A K 3
 ♦ A 6
 ♣ A K 9 7 3

The bidding:
 South West North East
 3 NT Pass 6 NT Pass
 Pass Pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♠

Some card combinations offer no choice—you can play them only one way. Others present interesting options, depending on what cards appear on the early tricks.

The bidding was short and accurate. South's opening bid of three no trump showed 25-27 points and a balanced hand, and North made the value bid.

West led the top of his spade sequence, and there was no doubt about what declarer had to do. Since he had nine winners outside of clubs, that suit had to be developed

for three tricks. With eight cards in the suit, the expected break would be 3-2, and the normal way to tackle the suit would be to cash the ace-king and then give up a trick.

Had each defender followed with a low club when declarer cashed the king at trick two, that's exactly how he should have proceeded. But when West dropped the queen, a new tactic was called for. Declarer crossed to dummy and led a club toward his hand. When East produced the eight, declarer covered with the nine.

That was a perfect safety play. If West won the trick, that meant the suit was dividing 3-2 all along and the ace would pick up the outstanding club on the next round. But when West showed out and the club tricks he needed to fulfill his contract.

We can't stress this point often enough: Pay attention to what cards your opponents play to every trick. Each one of them tells a story.



Weekly Quiz

Is there a magic spell in your life?

By Kate Saunders

1. What would you be most likely to find in the shed at the bottom of your garden?

- A fishing rod?
- Sweets hidden for the neighborhood children?
- A stack of second-hand books?
- A red bicycle?
- A broomstick?

2. Would your favourite holiday location be:

- A cosy farm house in rolling countryside?
- A forest in Transylvania?
- A villa with friends on a Greek island?
- A luxury hotel in New York?
- A desert island?

3. A little girl tells you she has seen fairies in her garden. What do you do?

- Tell her to go away.
- Pretend that you've seen them too.
- Wonder whether fairies really do exist.
- Ask you to tell her all about it.
- Smile mysteriously and go to investigate.

4. You refuse to buy a charm from a gypsy. As she leaves, she threatens to put a curse on you. What is your reaction?

- Completely indifferent.
- You feel slightly worried that she'll harm your family.
- You laugh loudly.
- You feel a bit worried for an instant, but then forget about it.
- You brew up a potion to protect you.

5. You are in a deserted church when an organ starts playing. What is your first thought?

- You wonder who's playing it.
- What a din!
- You think of romantic weddings.
- You expect to see a shiver run down your spine.
- A shiver runs down your spine.

6. For a pet, would you prefer:

- A horse or a monkey.
- A faithful dog.
- None — you prefer to see animals in the wild.
- A black cat.
- A piranha fish.

7. At a fairground do you most enjoy:

- The rifle range.
- The ghost train.
- Strolling around watching the fun.
- Sharing a box of popcorn with a friend.
- The merry-go-round or the dogdams.

8. A friend's treasured dog dies. Do you:

- Start preparing Tibetan death rites to ease the passage of its soul?
- Be around if they want to talk to you, but you are not too worried?
- Sympathetically try to cheer them up?



9. Say you're sorry, but it was only a dog?

- Cry with her for hours?
- A hotch-potch of scenes with goblins, being chased and other strange happenings.
- A mix of vivid dreams incorporating people you know and colourful scenes.
- Very thoughtful, slow ones with a lot of words.
- Anxiety dreams.
- Very dull and usually set in everyday life.

10. You're under pressure and late for a vital business meeting when suddenly you see an old lady struggling to cross the road. Do you:

- Grunt and ignore her?
- Go to help her, then dash off thinking up excuses?
- Think for a long time about the importance of the meeting until she crosses on her own?
- Help her because it will be good for your karma?
- Drop everything and help her across, and even take her to the doctor's surgery she was going for?

11. On a shopping expedition to buy clothes for a party, are you most likely to:

- Buy a very expensive black outfit for yourself?
- Dash around looking for presents?
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What your score means

Mostly a's: The Garden Gnome

To your there is as little magic in a fairy glen as in a laundrette. Magic to you is what a football supporter says when his team wins. What you don't realise is that if you use your imagination a bit more you'll find that life is more fun. It is not as flat or grim as you think! They say Prince Charles writes his dreams in a diary every morning when he wakes up. You could try doing this. Or take a group of toddlers to a pantomime. In relationships you're probably grumpy and argumentative, and don't see the point of romance. Put the sparkle back into your life by presenting your partner with a bouquet of roses and suggesting a trip to Stonehenge by moonlight.

Mostly b's: The Fairy Godmother

You're so busy rushing around waving a magic wand for everyone else that you have no time to think of yourself.

overlooking the loch? (iii) Agree — thinking it should be fun? (iv) Tell him there's no chance you're getting mixed up in that sort of nonsense.

(v) Go, and enjoy wandering around the bleak hills nearby?

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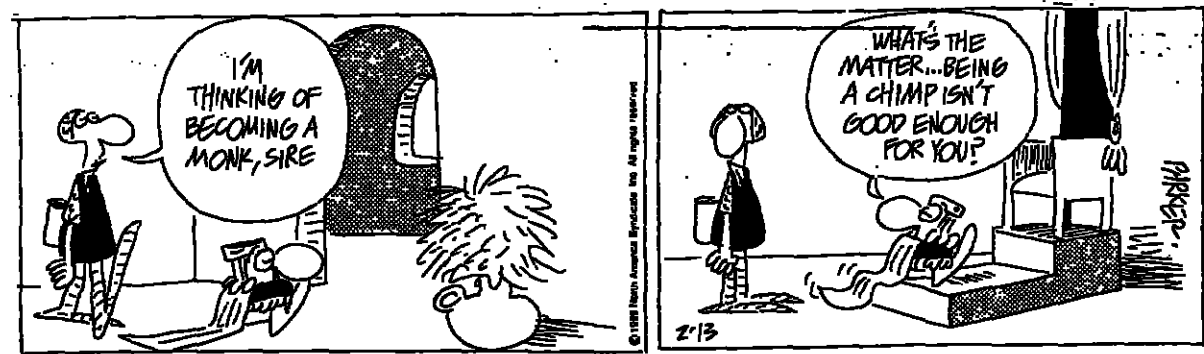
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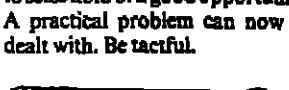
Aries (March 20 - April 18)

Mercury's better influence will help you to make good use of the time at your disposal. You will not be able to get your way in all things. You should try to see the funny side too. Be frank.



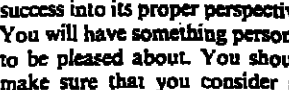
Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

The Moon's more favourable influence will help you to put two and two together. You will be able to seize hold of a good opportunity. A practical problem can now be dealt with. Be tactful.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

Mercury's more favourable influence will help you to put a success into its proper perspective. You will have something personal to be pleased about. You should make sure that you consider all aspects of the problem at hand. Be observant.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

You will be tempted to eat far more of something tasty than you well know you should. Do not expect immediate results, instead have the patience to wait. Do all you can to avoid becoming bored by what has to be done. Be more patient.



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SPORTS

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Bucksands defeat H&E Club

BUCKSANDS Golf Club beat the Hunting & Equestrian Club in the second leg of their annual friendly match by 11 matches to 3.

Earlier in the season, Bucksands also won the first leg of this contest by 9 matches to 5 making the aggregate 20 matches to 8.

Dr P. Sahni, the H&E captain presented the golf trophy to Jamal Bazzari, the Bucksands president, and applauded Bucksands for maintaining their challenging course in top condition and ready for the Kuwait championship.

Big event

The next big event at Bucksands — Miss Al Zoor — Getty is the 9th Annual Kuwait Closed Golf Championship which will be held on Feb 23/24 on the occasion of the Kuwait National Day.

Leading players from all local clubs with an established handicap of 20 or below and having valid residence permit are invited to participate in this event. Deadline for registration is Feb 19, 95 players have already signed up, including the defending champion A. Redshaw from Ahmadi.

The Bucksands team will be missing one of their best players, Duane Lenormand who has been transferred to Texaco Yemen. Lloyd Austin, Getty Oil Co. president and chairman of the Bucksands Golf Club, will present the trophies to the winners during the awarding banquet dinner party at Messilham Beach Hotel on Friday, Feb 24, at 8.00 pm.

For more information, contact the championship chairman, J. Bazzari, tel. 3952057.

Pirelli tyre group to return to Formula One

MILAN, Italy, Feb 14. (Reuters) Italy's Pirelli tyre group yesterday announced a return to Formula One motor racing with tyres being supplied to the Brabham, Scuderia Italia, Minardi and Zak Speed Grand Prix teams in the 1989 season.

Pirelli said it planned to develop and test new tyres with the help of the four teams, adding that new regulations eliminating turbos and allowing only naturally-aspirated cars to compete in the season starting on March 26 had been a major factor in its decision to return.

Provide

"Since the cars will be on the same technical level there will be more competition in other areas. We believe this will provide a valid testing ground for development and research into new tyres," a Pirelli spokesman said.

Pirelli pulled out of Formula One at the end of the 1986 season when the company's contracts to supply tyres for five teams expired.

Pirelli said it planned to use the experience and knowledge it had gained from its Grand Prix association to further research and development of traditional tyres.

The decision left Goodyear as the only Grand Prix tyre supplier.

Former player

TAURANGA, New Zealand, Feb 14. (AP) Former New Zealand Rugby Union captain William Archibald Strang died last night after a short illness, New Zealand Press Association reported today. He was 82.

JAFFER'S FIVE FOR 40 FAILS TO DISLodge KIWIS

Pakistan and New Zealand draw 2nd Test

WELLINGTON, Feb 14. (Reuters) New Zealand and Pakistan played to an expected draw in their second cricket Test match today despite a mid-session wicket-taking spree by Salim Jaffer that could have given the visitors victory.

Even the late New Zealand collapse was too late to inject life into a match that was marked by two slow-scoring innings. New Zealand, who had a first innings total of 447, were 186 for eight wickets at the close in reply to Pakistan's 438 for seven declared.

New Zealand lost six wickets for 33 runs thanks to a fine spell of swing bowling by Jaffer, who ended with a career best of five for 40. It improved on his three for 79 against England in 1987. He took three for 93 in the first innings against New Zealand.

With New Zealand 140 for seven and only 147 runs ahead, Pakistan had a few moments of believing they could dislodge the home side and make a bolt for the runs.

Their fortunes could have been better but for a fine piece of sportsmanship by Pakistan.

Javed Miandad took a catch from Jeff Crowe at third slip and captain Imran Khan recalled Crowe, saying he was unsure the ball had not bounced before it was caught.

In the end Crowe saw New Zealand to safety at 180 before he was bowled by Jaffer for 23.

Pakistan had declared their first innings closed seven wickets down and nine runs behind New Zealand's 447, 70 minutes into



Imran: Man of the Match

the last day. Given the New Zealand collapse, Imran Khan must have rued his side's slow scoring.

"Ideally we would have liked Shoaib (Mohammad) to have scored a little faster," he said after the match.

Shoaib took a little more than 12 hours to score his 163 for the slowest 150 in Test history yesterday, reaching it after 624 min-

utes. Until the last session a draw had appeared inevitable from early in the game. It was dominated by a pitch that gave the bowlers no assistance through the first four days and on which batsmen found strokes hard to play.

Only 14 wickets fell in the first four days. Even on the last day it was only



Jaffer: career-best performance

a succession of poor strokes by New Zealand batsmen which allowed Pakistan a glimmer of hope.

New Zealand had batted breezily for the first two hours with Robert Vance scoring an attractive 44 and Andrew Jones an equally fine 39.

Both went to careless shots playing across the line and they were followed by a succession of

batsmen flashing outside the off-stump.

Bowlers of the quality of Richard Hadlee, Imran and Abdul Qadir could get little out of the track.

Imran took three for 34 to go with his first innings three for 75 and score of 71 when batting. He was made Man of the Match.

The first test in Dunedin was abandoned because of rain with-

out a ball being bowled. The third and final Test begins in Auckland on Feb 24.

Scoreboard

PAKISTAN first innings: (over-night 401 for non-out)
Mudassar Nazar c and b Morrison...6
Rizwan-uz-Zaman lbw Hadlee...18
Shoaib Mohammad b Hadlee...163
Javed Miandad lbw Hadlee...118
Salim Malik c Smith b Bracewell...38
Imran Khan b Chatfield...71
Asrar Malik not out...8
Salim Yousuf c Jones b Hadlee...4
Abdul Qadir not out...0
Extras (lb-8 nb-3 b-1)...12
Total for seven wickets declared...438
Fall of wickets: 1-14 2-54 3-274 4-325 5-422 6-430 7-437.
Did not bat: Salim Jaffer, Aaqib Javed.
Bowling: Hadlee 54-14-101-4 (nb-2), Morrison 36-10-96-1 (nb-1) Chatfield 53-21-82-1, Bracewell 40-8-123-1, Patel 12-3-27-0.

NEW ZEALAND first innings 447.
Second innings:
R. Vance lbw Imran Khan...44
J. Wright c Javed Miandad b Imran Khan...19
A. Jones c substitute Rameez Raja b Salim Jaffer...39
M. Crowe lbw Salim Jaffer...9
D. Patel c Salim Yousuf b Salim Jaffer...2
J. Crowe b Salim Jaffer...23
J. Bracewell lbw Salim Jaffer...0
R. Hadlee c substitute Ejaz Ahmed b Imran Khan...29
D. Morrison not out...1
Extras (b-10 nb-6 lb-6)...22
Total for eight wickets...186
Fall of wickets: 1-36 2-107 3-108 4-117 5-128 6-132 7-140 8-180.
Did not bat: E. Chatfield.
Bowling: Imran Khan 17-8-34-3, Asrar Javed 13-1-57-4, Abdul Qadir 14-3-39-8, Salim Jaffer 17-4-40-5 (nb-6).
Result: match drawn.
Man of the Match: Imran Khan.

O'Sullivan awarded 1,500m world record

NEW YORK, Feb 14. (AP) Marcus O'Sullivan will get credit for a world record even though it is not the best performance in the event — the 1,500 metres, officials said yesterday.

The Irishman was timed in 3 minutes, 35.6 seconds en route to winning the mile in 3:51.66 last Friday night in the Meadowlands Invitational at East Rutherford, New Jersey.

Faster O'Sullivan's clocking bettered the accepted world record of 3:36.03, set by Jose-Luis Gonzalez of Spain on March 1, 1986, at Oviedo, Spain.

However, the record books list three faster times than Gonzalez's and one faster than O'Sullivan's.

The three are 3:35.4 by O'Sullivan last year, when he

won the Meadowlands Invitational in 3:50.94, and 3:35.6 by Eamonn Coghlan and 3:36.0 by Steve Scott, both at San Diego, California on Feb 20, 1981.

However, none was accepted as the world record, because there were an insufficient number of official watches taking those times. For record purposes, there must be at least three official watches timing a performance.

For O'Sullivan's 1,500-metre performance a year ago, there was only one official timer, and for the Coghlan and Scott race eight years ago, there was not one official timer.

In addition, Coghlan said he ran 3:34.7 en route to setting a world mile record of 3:49.78 in the 1983 Meadowlands Mile.

However, the number of official timers also was insufficient then.

"I don't remember the situation then," Bob Hersh, records chairman of the Athletics Congress, the national governing body for track and field, said yesterday.

Documented

But Hersh said because of what occurred in O'Sullivan's case in 1988, "we were alerted to get the record documented this year."

"The record will definitely be accepted," Hersh said of O'Sullivan's scintillating performance last week in which he finished with the fifth-fastest mile time in history.

However, under a technical ruling, O'Sullivan will not receive the 10 extra mile Grand Prix points for setting a world

record. Under Grand Prix rules, an athlete must better the accepted best performance to receive bonus points — and O'Sullivan's 1,500-metre time was not faster than his clocking of last year.

Prior to last week's race, O'Sullivan was not concentrating on breaking the 1,500 record. His mind was set on smashing Coghlan's mile mark.

Although he didn't get it, "the 1,500 record was some consolation," O'Sullivan said yesterday at a luncheon of the Metropolitan Track Writers. But he said that if someone had paced him through three-quarters of a mile, instead of abandoning him at the halfway mark, he might have broken Coghlan's hallowed mark — the only sub-3:50 indoor mile clocking.

Falcon and Bright Stars triumph

FALCON beat Unity on a better run-rate while Bright Stars scored an impressive six-wicket victory over Al Mulla in the Gulf Bank League matches at Ahmadi earlier this week.

Unity, batting first, scored 189 for the loss of five wickets in their 22 allotted overs. Razzaq was the top scorer with 91. He hammered three sixes and seven fours. Ejaz 28 and Inam 41 were the other batsmen to do well.

For Falcon, Ejaz took two wickets while Ayub, Tariq and Nawaz got one each.

Falcon went for the runs from the start of their innings and

slammed every Unity bowler to remain ahead of the run-rate from the 5th over.

Asad Baig hit 39 while Amin remained unbeaten on 34 as Falcon scored 154 for four by the 18th over. As Unity had scored 148 for two at the same stage of their innings, Falcon were declared winners on better run-rate.

Least

Rauf with 36, Zahid 19 and Ijaz with an unbeaten 23 were the other scorers for Falcon. Unity also owe their defeat to bad fielding. They could have saved at

least 25 runs had they fielded well.

In the second game, Al Mulla were dismissed for 125 while Bright Stars got the runs for the loss of only four wickets. For Al Mulla, Ashfaq with 21, Qaiser 28, and Abbasinghe and Ali with 17 each were the only batsmen to reach the double figures.

Bright Stars got their runs through Robin, Mohammed Ali and Saleem, who scored 59, 29 and 19 respectively. Earlier on, Ali, Arshad, Saleem and Yogesh had taken two Al Mulla wickets each for Bright Stars.

Gulf Group beat Brothers

GULF GROUP beat Young Brothers Cricket Club by three wickets in a Sheikh Abdullah Challenge Trophy match at the Yarmouk ground on Friday.

Young Brothers won the toss and elected to make first use of the wicket. Only Stanley and Nadeem, with 22 and 14 respectively, put up any resistance as Young Brothers were all out for 73.

Hold

For Gulf Group, Mohammed Ali took five wickets for 14 runs while Mustafa took three for 11

and Mustaque Dadarkar one for 19.

Gulf Group lost Jaleel and Mustaque earlier on in their innings and could not get a hold on the match for a while as wickets kept tumbling at regular intervals.

Mohammed Ali with 27 kept one end intact and took his team to victory in the 19th over. No other batsman could face the Young Brothers' bowlers with any confidence.

For Young Brothers, Omer Baig took two wickets for 14 runs while Nadeem, Frankley and Afzal got a wicket each.

Bruno opens camp in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS, Feb 14. (Reuters) Briton Frank Bruno opened his training camp here yesterday, sparring nine rounds following a two-day break in training for his Feb 25 title fight against heavy-weight champion Mike Tyson.

Bruno, 27, ranked first by the World Boxing Association and World Boxing Council, arrived on Saturday from Fountain Hills, Arizona, where he has been training for more than a month, but did not work out over the weekend.

Tyson, 22, has been working out in the same gym.

McKenzie to put IBF title at stake

LONDON, Feb 14. (AP) Britain's Duke McKenzie will make the first defense of his IBF world flyweight title against American Tony de Luca at London's Royal Albert Hall on March 8, it was announced yesterday.

McKenzie, who took the crown from Filipino Rolando Bohol last October, admitted the challenger was an unknown quantity.

"I know nothing about him," said the unbeaten champion who then joked: "He's a dwarf apparently, about 5ft 1ins but likes to fight."

McKenzie, with around six inches (15 cms) height advantage over De Luca, added: "I like fighting little teardrops."

Retire

McKenzie's smallest opponent to date was 5ft 2ins (1.57m) Charlie Magri, who was forced to retire after five rounds in a double British and European title meeting three years ago.

De Luca, a 22-year-old from San Diego, has won 14 fights with three drawn in 18 bouts since turning pro six years ago and holds the Californian junior flyweight title.

Injury puts substitute driver in top car for Daytona 500

DAYTONA BEACH, Florida, Feb 14. (AP) Jody Ridley wasn't planning to drive in Sunday's Daytona 500. Now, he will not only be racing, he will be driving a car capable of winning the \$1.7 million race.

Ridley, 46, has not driven in a Nascar Winston Cup racing circuit since the 1986 Firecracker 400-mile race.

Now, the 1980 Rookie of the Year finds himself squarely in the spotlight as the relief driver for injured defending Winston Cup champion Bill Elliott.

Practicing

"This is the last place I thought I'd be two weeks ago," a smiling Ridley said yesterday after practicing in Elliott's Ford Thunderbird.

"I'd made a statement a couple of times that Winston Cup racing was pretty much behind me."

In fact, Ridley wasn't even going to come to Daytona Beach from his Chatsworth, Georgia, home until Ernie Elliott, Bill's brother and crew chief, telephoned him Friday night.

American skier hopes to ski down Mount Everest

LEXINGTON, Kentucky, Feb 14. (AP) An American skier who became the first person to hang glide off Mount Everest said he might try a ski trip down the world's highest mountain if he could get the right financial incentive.

"I haven't made up my mind on the thing yet," Steve McKinney said in an interview last week from Vail, Colorado. "I don't know if I'm up for more misery or not. I may have had my quota."

McKinney, who set five world speed skiing records between 1974 and 1983, performed his hang-gliding feat in 1986.

Later he made plans for a ski run down the 29,028-foot mountain. But it never happened.

On Oct. 6, 1987, McKinney was competing in the World Cup speed Skiing Championships in Chile when a helicopter in which he and two other skiers were rid-

ing crashed and rolled over three times.

McKinney was hurled through the bubble of the helicopter. He suffered facial cuts requiring 20 stitches, multiple fractures of the right arm and a crushed right shoulder.

No one has ever skied Mount Everest from the summit.

"But I'm convinced it can be done," McKinney told the Lexington Herald-Leader. "You'd have to be roped up and ski it properly — short, controlled turns. It's not a place to go fast."

"And you'd need luck with the weather, a heavy snowfall for a good surface. You couldn't do it on ice."

On Sunday, Elliott is expected to start driving the Daytona 500, in order to earn the championship points for the event, with Ridley taking over no later than the first caution period.

"Obviously, these guys are racers," Ridley said. "They'll want me to run it hard. But I don't want to bang up the car."

The winner, chosen by an international panel, is given annually to "the amateur athlete who best personifies excellence in athletic performance and promotes sincere co-operation and understanding among peoples of all nations."

The winner will be honoured on February 21. Last year's recipient was Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson.

Renard to give up European title

IZEGEM, Belgium, Feb 14. (UPI) Belgian Jean-Marc Renard is to relinquish his European featherweight crown for a crack at the WBA world title held by Antonio Esparragoza of Venezuela.

"We took the decision this morning to renounce the Euro fight against Paul Hodgkinson of Britain to prepare Jean-Marc in optimal conditions," Renard's manager Andre Stockx said yesterday.

The European Boxing Union will now nominate an opponent to meet Hodgkinson for the vacant European title.

KIFCO edge past Starlite for final

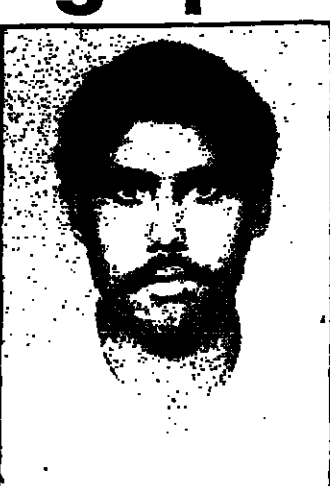
KIFCO overcame Starlite by six runs in a keenly contested match to reach the final of the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy cricket tournament at the KCL ground on Friday.

Batting first, KIFCO scored 221 runs in their 28 allotted overs. The highlight of the KIFCO innings was a quick 46 by Arshad Shams and a powerful 47 by Pervaz Aslam. Arshad hit six fours while Pervaz slammed two sixes and two fours.

Difference

It was Rashid Ansari, however, who played the vital role in getting victory for KIFCO. Rashid scored 33 runs including 22 in one over. He hit four sixes and his innings perhaps made the difference between the two teams at the end.

Amin scored 30 runs for KIFCO. For Starlite, Bader was the most economical bowler with one wicket for 25 runs in his six overs. Sohail took three wickets



Rashid Ansari

but conceded 61 runs in the same number of overs as Bader.

Starlite took up the challenge of scoring nearly eight runs an over. Their openers Iqbal Junior and Bader started well and kept up with the run-rate.



Arshad Shams

Iqbal was bowled by Mansoor for 20 and after some time Bader had his stumps shattered by Rashid for 42. Masood Senior took charge of the proceedings and as long as he was at the crease, Starlite kept ahead of the

required run-rate. Rashid was again instrumental in getting rid of Masood by taking a fine catch at the boundary line as Masood went for a big hit. Masood hit a six and six fours in his 58.

After Masood's dismissal, Starlite started falling behind the target and as their batsmen went for the runs four of them were run out by the agile KIFCO fielders.

Starlite, however, still made an effort to get the runs but could manage only 215 — six short of the target — by the end of their allotted overs.

Rashid Ansari bowled intelligently to capture two wickets for 34 runs in his six overs. Skipper Aqueel also took two wickets for 28 in the four overs that he bowled.

Amin also bowled economically, although he failed to capture a wicket, giving away only 30 runs in his six overs.

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SPORTS

US hope to reach youth soccer quarterfinals

DAMMAM, Saudi Arabia, Feb. 14. (AP) The head of the 43-member American squad sent to the fifth World Youth Soccer Cup says it does not have much hope of winning the event, but believes the exposure will give the game a boost back home.

American Walter Bahr said the American players in the tournament, all under 21 years old, had "very little exposure to world soccer," but said he hoped they would reach the semifinals in the 16-team tournament that starts Thursday.

"Brazil, and Mali and East Germany — they'll all be tough games and I'm not just saying that," he said. "We'll be very very happy if we can advance to the next round."

The official stated that the young Americans were excited to have won a place in the championship and that the participation would "give the game of soccer good exposure back home in the States."

Bahr said no one in the group had been to Saudi Arabia before. "It's been enlightening. It's been outstanding so far. The reception, the hospitality has all been first class," he said.

He said that he was talking to some Saudi students in the United States told him before coming that in the kingdom and asked them what he should bring here. They said "nothing — the Saudis will have more to give you than you can possibly give them. Well, we've found that to be the case."

Some of the teams arrived a bit bedraggled from the long haul to the Middle East.

Facilities

Arturo Butramante, manager of the Colombian team told reporters in Dammam: "Our team came to Saudi Arabia through New York, then Amsterdam. It's taken us three days. We're very tired. They (the players) like Saudi Arabia very much. There are very good sports facilities."

The teams from the Soviet Union, Mali, Nigeria, Portugal, Brazil and Spain arrived late Sunday.

The Colombian and Soviet teams stayed in Dammam, where they are pitted against each other, along with Syria and Costa Rica in Group B.

The others spread off to one of three other cities where the initial rounds will be played: Jeddah on the Red Sea, or the capital Riyadh, or the mountainous resort city of Taif on the western side of the kingdom.

The final is scheduled for Riyadh March 3.

The Americans, in Group C, will be playing against strong contenders Brazil and East Germany and also meet Mali in the matches starting in Jeddah on Friday.

The tournament in which 16 participants are involved, playing in four groups on a knockout basis, starting Thursday ... Nigeria, Portugal, Czechoslovakia and Saudi Arabia play in Group A in Riyadh and Argentina, Norway, Iraq and Spain in Group D in Taif.

Hugo Salcedo, the International Soccer Federation official from the United States, said the American team was getting better all the time, but that it had started playing world class football only last year.

CERNADAS BANKS ON FUTRE AND BARROS

Portugal set to take on Belgium

LISBON, Feb. 14. (Reuters) Portugal are banking on star exiles Paulo Futre and Rui Barros to finally reproduce their sparkling club form for their country against Belgium tomorrow in a World Cup soccer qualifying match.

The Portuguese, in the doldrums since their inglorious exit from the last World Cup, could scrape only a 1-0 victory over Luxembourg in their first Group Seven match last November.

Visible

Outstanding in the shirts of Atletico Madrid and Juventus, Futre and Barros have rarely reproduced their club form in the international arena and were hardly visible against the Luxembourg part-timers.

"I have confidence in the creativity and speed of our top forwards and this is where we have the advantage over Belgium," said national coach Julio Cernadas in a clear reference to his two world-class players.



Paulo Futre



Rui Barros

But Portugal's regular strikers, Rui Aguiar and Fernando Gomes, have pulled out through injury and loss of form and a question mark hangs over the finishing power of the lopsided attack.

Futre, Barros, midfielder Antonio Sousa and winger

Guy Thys are all essentially left-sided players and Guy Thys, the shrewd Belgian manager, will have no problem in choosing where to shore up his rear guard.

"We know all about Futre and Barros and the dangers they present but it seems to me that

Portugal, particularly with Aguiar out, lack variety in attack," Thys said.

Belgium, who beat Switzerland and drew in Czechoslovakia in their first qualifying matches, are sure to stick to their traditional counter-attacking style with strikers Jan Ceulemans and Marc Degryse ready to latch on to any breakout pass.

Care

An embarrassing 3-0 defeat in a training match against the French side Montpellier did little to boost the visitors' confidence though Thys said he had other worries.

"I don't care about the result. It was only for practice," he said after the warm-up in which Ceulemans looked particularly out of touch.

"Ceulemans' case is difficult. It is clear that he lacks form," Thys said, adding however that the veteran forward would play. Doubtful through injury are

defenders Stephane Demol of Bologna and Mechelen's Marc Emmers.

Teams (probable):

Portugal — Silvino, Joao Pinto, Antonio Oliveira, Luis Sobrinho, Antonio Veloso, Adelino Nunes, Vitor Paneira, Antonio Sousa, Paulo Futre, Rui Barros, Antonio Pacheco.

Belgium — Michel Preud'homme, Erik Gerets, Georges Gruu, Stephane Demol, Michel de Wolf, Bruno Versavel, Marc Emmers, Enzo Scifo, Frank van der Elst, Jan Ceulemans, Marc Degryse.

Sidhu named in Indian side despite homicide charge

MADRAS, India, Feb. 14. (Reuters) Navjot Singh Sidhu, who is facing a charge of culpable homicide not amounting to murder, was selected today in a squad of 17 for India's tour of West Indies from Feb. 26 to May 3.

Sidhu was granted court permission to leave India after being charged with heading to death a motorist following a road accident in his native Punjab state. He is now on bail.

The squad, led by Dilip Vengsarkar, includes West Indies-born batsman Robin Singh. Singh is of Indian origin and plays for southern Tamil Nadu

state in domestic cricket. Three seamers, including all-rounder and former national captain Kapil Dev, have been named alongside a five-pronged slow bowling attack spearheaded by leg-spinner Narendra Hirwani.

India — Dilip Vengsarkar (captain), Krishnamachari Srikanth, Arun Lal, Navjot Singh Sidhu, Mohammed Azharuddin, Kapil Dev, Ravi Shastri, Kiran More, Narendra Hirwani, Arshad Ayub, Sanjeev Sharma, Chetan Sharma, Robin Singh, Ajay Sharma, Sanjay Manjrekar, Saba Karim, T. Venkataramana.

Cantona moves to Bordeaux

PARIS, Feb. 14. (Reuters) Moody French soccer star Eric Cantona, suspended from both the national squad and First Division Marseille for temper tantrums, has been transferred to Bordeaux, the two clubs said today.

"We needed a great player and he is one, a little difficult it's true, a bit special, but we're difficult and special too," Bordeaux president Claude Beza said.

Transfer

French radio said yesterday that Cantona, 22, had refused a transfer to Bordeaux.

But Marseille general manager Michel Hidalgo said today: "an agreement has been reached

between the three parties, Bordeaux, ourselves and Eric Cantona. The terms of the deal are not definitive but details should be made public tomorrow."

Marseille are currently second in the French League while Bordeaux are trailing towards the bottom of the First Division.

Cantona, who went from Auxerre to Marseille at the start of the season for a record 22 million francs (\$3.6 million), had been trying for a contract with Spain's Barcelona.

He was suspended from Marseille last month for throwing his shirt at a referee and stalking off the pitch during a charity match. The suspension expires on Saturday.

Last season, Cantona was sidelined from the French team for the season for calling the then national trainer Henri Michel "close to a bag of shit."

Bordeaux also announced a management shakeup, replacing trainer Aime Jacquet with sports director Didier Couecou, whose post will be filled by former player Alain Giresse.

Careers

Couecou and Giresse have both been with the club for about 20 years, each leaving once during their playing careers for a spell with Marseille.

Couecou told French radio his primary aim would be to rebuild the team's confidence.

Incredible and Maroons in quarterfinals

INCREDIBLE, Goa Maroons, United Goans Strikers and hosts Rising Stars reached the quarterfinals of the 6th annual YRC Football Tournament with victories over Timv, Blue Wings, Salceste and Goan Sporting respectively.

In the first match Incredible and Timv failed to score in the normal and extra time. In the resulting tie-breaker, the Incredible players found their target more often than the Timv players.

The second match between Goa Maroons and Blue Wings was decided in the second half when Maroons' Peter scored the only goal of the match.

Connected

Rising Star also won their match by a solitary goal. Javed was the player who ended Goan Sporting's hopes of reaching the next round. He beat the Sporting goalkeeper when he connected a pass from Faisal.

The last match between Strikers and Salceste was an interesting affair with Strikers taking the lead through Saleem and Victor getting the equaliser a few minutes later.

The match failed to produce any more goals and had to be decided through a tie-breaker from which Strikers emerged victorious.

On Friday, Al Othman meet U.G. Strikers and Rising Stars face Starlite at 7.00 am while Maroons take on Goan Cultural Association and Incredible meet Boys Own Club at 8.00 am.

Indian veterans to meet Pakistanis in friendly

INDIAN and Pakistani veteran cricketers, residing in Kuwait, will meet in an exhibition match tomorrow at the KCL (Sabah Al Salem) ground.

The match is being held to bid farewell to A.B.S. Jafri, a keen supporter of cricket in Kuwait. Jafri is leaving for Pakistan soon.

The line up for the match which starts at 2.00 pm is as follows: INDIAN VETERANS: P.K. Marwa (capt.), M.M. Joshi, Rajgopal, A.K. Sood, D.N. Arora, A.K. Gupta, C.M. Sahani, Arun Chandok, A. Sarkar, Ravi, K.C. Gupta, A.J. Ghosh, Khullar, Dr. Suri and Bawa Singh.

PAKISTANI VETERANS: Ashraf Khan (capt.), Ahmed Hussain, Nisar Memon, Mushaq Malik, Iqbal, Khawaja Afzal, Salim Pervaz, Ch. Javed, Dr. Asif, Younus Chaudhry, Yahya, Nasim Farooqi, Humayun Ashraf, Jaffer Beg, Sajid Rizvi, D'Souza.

Golf rankings

LONDON, Feb. 14. (Reuters) American Chip Beck improved his position in the world golf rankings after his fifth place in the Hawaiian Open at the weekend.

Beck moved up from 10th to eighth place in the list while the tournament's winner, Gene Sauers, moves to 51st place.

There was no change at the top with Severiano Ballesteros, Sandy Lyle and Greg Norman in the first three spots.

Soviet gymnast

LONDON, Feb. 14. (AP) Larisa Medvedeva, 16, the Soviet junior national champion has won an International Rhythmic Gymnastics competition by edging Bulgaria's Boriana Jiveva by five-hundredths of a point.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Stadium ban

NICOSIA, Feb. 14. (Reuters) Cyprus expects an international match ban at Limassol stadium imposed by world soccer's governing body to last until the end of the year, an island football official said today.

Cup qualifier

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 14. (Reuters) Swedish defender Peter Larsson said today he could miss an important World Cup soccer qualifier against Poland on May 7 because of an ankle injury.

Vinnie Jones

LONDON, Feb. 14. (Reuters) Wimbledon midfielder Vinnie Jones, sent off nine days ago for the fourth time in 22 months, will not be charged with bringing the game into disrepute, an English FA spokesman said yesterday.

Armstrong quits

LONDON, Feb. 14. (Reuters) Former Northern Ireland soccer international Gerry Armstrong today resigned as youth team manager of Second Division Brighton — 24 hours before appearing in court charged with assaulting an opposition club official.

Port Vale win

LONDON, Feb. 14. (Reuters) Port Vale beat Aldershot 3-0 (half-time 1-0) in an English Division Three soccer match yesterday.

Pfaff surprises Potter

FAIRFAX, Virginia, Feb. 14. (Reuters) West German Eva Pfaff used deadly accurate passing shots to upset American Barbara Potter in the first round of the \$300,000 Washington women's tennis tournament yesterday.

Potter, ranked 11th in the world, struggled with her first serve throughout the match, but the 73rd-ranked Pfaff effectively frustrated Potter with her passing shots, including a spectacular running forehand on her second match point.

Ranked

"I was surprised that she is ranked number 11. It looked like it would be more work," said Pfaff after 6-3 3-6 6-2 victory.

Jeri Ingram, ranked 201 in the world, saved two match points to upset compatriot Wendy White

of the United States 4-6 7-6 (7-4) 6-4, and Leila Meshki of the Soviet Union overcame a slow start to get past American Terry Phelps 2-6 6-1 6-2 in other first-round matches.

The tournament received a blow earlier in the day when second-seed Pam Shriver of the United States withdrew from singles play, saying she was exhausted.

Shriver's late withdrawal, which will cost her \$5,000 in a fine, makes top-seed Steffi Graf of West Germany even a bigger favourite to win the tournament. Graf is due to play American Stacy Martin in her first round today.

Shriver said that since returning from Australia she has been overcommitted to tennis and her other business interests.

Svensson cruises through

MILAN, Italy, Feb. 14. (Reuters) Swede Jonas Svensson, the only seeded player in action of the opening day, came smoothly through the first round of the Italian Indoor Tennis Championships yesterday.

Seventh-seeded Svensson combined a solid service and steady groundstrokes to wear down error-prone Massimiliano Narducci of Italy 6-4 6-2.

Svensson, whose double-fisted backhand looked particularly sharp, swept to a 5-2 lead in the first set before the Italian fought

back to 5-4. However, Svensson held serve to close out the set.

The Swede, a quarter-finalist at the Australian Open last month, quickly put the outcome beyond doubt in the second set by seizing a 5-1 advantage.

Czechoslovak number two seed Miloslav Mecir and Swiss Jacob Hlasek, the in-form fourth seed who won at Rotterdam last weekend, are among the seeds with first-round matches in the \$492,000 tournament this evening.

and broke back on a sharp cross-court forehand to tie the set at 3-3.

The pair stayed on serve until Krishnan broke to go up 6-5 on a backhand volley down the line. Michibata forced a tie-breaker with a service break of his own and won four of the final tie-break points to capture the match.

In other first round action yesterday, Scott Davis, of the United States, defeated Jim Courier, of the United States, 7-6 (7-5), 7-6 (7-1). Bill Scanlon, of the United States, defeated Sammy Giammalva, of the United States, 6-3, 6-1.

Tom Nijssen of Holland defeated Barry Moir of the United States, 6-1, 6-4. Jim Grabb of the United States, defeated Joey Rive of the United States, 6-4, 6-2. South African Pieter Aldrich defeated Lawson Duncan of the United States, 6-3, 1-6, 6-3.

Australian Jason Stoltenberg defeated Michael Westphal of Monte Carlo, 7-7 (9-7), 6-2. And Canadian Chris Pridham defeated Richard Matuszewski of the United States, 6-4, 7-6 (7-2).

Arias tames Flach in first round



Arias: overcomes Flach

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, Feb. 14. (UPI) Jimmy Arias needed just one hour and two minutes to oust Ken Flach, 6-3, 6-3, yesterday in the first round of the \$415,000 Volvo tennis/tournoi at the Racquet Club.

Arias, of the United States, ranked as high as fifth in the world in 1984, has fallen to No. 107 because of shoulder injuries that have affected his play for the last eight months.

But Arias broke Flach, of the United States, at love in the first game of the match. Arias broke Flach again in the ninth game on a cross-court forehand winner to take the set 6-3.

Both players held serve in the second set until Arias broke through at 30-40 with a forehand passing winner to go up 4-2. Arias held serve to go up 5-2 and broke Flach again in the ninth game to take the match.

Canadian Glenn Michibata provided the tournament's first upset, eliminating India's Ramesh Krishnan, 7-5, 7-6 (7-4). Krishnan, who knocked Mats Wilander out of the Australian Open in the second round last month, was up 3-1 in the second set when Michibata held service

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